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55+ Games to focus on promoting Highlands

Jenn Watt

Editor

In less than a year, more than 1,000 people will flock to the Highlands to participate in the 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games from Feb. 17 to 19, and this time organizers have prepared a decidedly Haliburton County experience for them.

Based on community feedback from the 2011 winter games, which were also held in

the Highlands, more emphasis is being put on showcasing the food, accommodations and culture of the area.

"You've got 1,000 people, you've got to feed them, you've got to house them, you've got to transport them, you've got to put on an event and you have to have entertainment. And you have a county that's the same size as Prince Edward Island, almost," said Haliburton Winter Games chairman Alan Clark.

In 2015, all of the 1,000 estimated out-of-

town visitors will be housed in the county – in 2011, 700 stayed in county accommodations (150 outside) – and they will be trying a new strategy to get visitors to remain for three nights, rather than the standard two.

And unlike 2011, in the coming winter games all athletes will be fed at area eateries. In 2011, many were served food at the high school by the culinary arts class. The class is now smaller and will serve lunches

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Shorelines and septics key to lake health

Zach Cox Staff reporter

The CHA has one mission: to protect the county's lakes.

On Saturday, May 10, the sixth annual combined lake steward meeting and Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) annual general meeting was held at Fleming College. Comprised of 44 property owners' associations from across Haliburton County, the CHA represents more than 77 water bodies and 12,500 waterfront properties. Featuring exhibitors from various organizations, several speakers and an open discussion period, the CHA event explored the current status of Haliburton County lakes and how they can be preserved and even bettered

"The CHA has one, and only one mission in life: protecting our lakes," said CHA chairman Paul MacInnes to open the meeting. "We not only depend on them, we cherish them. Can you imagine the Highlands without county lakes? ... If our lakes have problems, it has an impact on our social and cultural fabric, it has an impact on taxes that get paid to our municipalities." While MacInnes noted

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Finishing touchesThe Head Lake Park Bandshell is nearing completion. Last week, Kashaga Paint applied stain to the structure. Spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Haliburton, the bandshell will have its official unveiling ceremony with concert and barbecue on Sunday, June 22. Darren Lum Staff

MACA doing spring clean up

Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA) will be starting off their 40th year with the annual spring clean up on Sunday, May 18.

Members will meet at the Strickland Boat Launch at 11 a.m., head out on all the roads and then gather later on for a barbecue.

If you're a MACA member or a new property owner on one of the lakes or roads in the MACA area they invite you to join them.

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Area eateries, accommodators recruited to enhance 2015 winter games

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"Anybody staying in a non-food-service accommodation ... we'll bring them in for dinner and we'll feed them, whether it be McKecks or the Dublin [Gate], [for example], said games general manager Myke Malone.

No agreements with restaurants have been made yet.

"That's going to move a substantial amount of money over those two to three days directly into the hands of our local businesses," said Clark.

The third major change from the last winter games will be the entertainment. The challenge was how to expose athletes and their families to the county in a jam-packed three days of sports, with the first and last days featuring opening and closing ceremonies.

"We said, let's bring the county to the people," said Clark. Depending on where visitors are staying, they will be taken to one of 12 venues across the county, each doing

something different and distinctly Haliburton.

"We're going to use the middle night to showcase the culinary arts, our artists, some of the venues will have entertainment ... this puts more money in the hands of [business] and exposes all our guests and visitors to some aspect of the Highlands."

On Tuesday, May 20, Clark and Malone will be at the Pinestone Resort from 5 to 7 p.m. to tell local businesses how they can get involved in the games at a special Business After Hours, a Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce event.

The last winter games in Haliburton was criticized for not bringing as much foot traffic into area businesses as was expected.

Clark said the changes this year will help spread money around more - by using more local accommodations, more restaurants and entertainment - and emphasized that when resorts and motels keep more staff working during a traditionally slow period those people will spend their extra

"Now, when you're doing this mid-week, you're doing it at a time when occupancy levels are at their lowest," said Malone. "So, it's really a nice influx of economic impact."

Feb. 17 to 19 falls after the pond hockey championships and is the Tuesday following Family Day, which makes it easier for accommodators to keep their extra staff on

"A lot of the staff that normally would work just weekends are working full-time [for the week]," said Malone.

Other than bowling, all of the sporting events will be held in the county. Haliburton County doesn't have a 10-pin alley, so those athletes will compete in Huntsville and stay

The 55+ Winter Games has a \$200,000 budget, which breaks down to one-third from a provincial grant; one-third registration fees; and one-third fundraising (grant applica-

Haliburton County is a partner and will have to absorb any deficit. In 2011, there was a surplus, which was invested in the county's seniors groups.

Dysart, Minden Hills and Highlands East are waiving the fees on their facilities, arenas and community centre," said

Events include alpine and Nordic skiing; badminton; curling; duplicate bridge; table tennis; speed skating; ice

hockey; volleyball and 10-pin bowling.

The winter games run every second winter.

In a couple of weeks, volunteers can sign up on ontario-55pluswintergames.com and in the fall, the committee will begin actively recruiting volunteers.

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Providing tools for good mental health

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

Being the subject of a lighthearted joke is not unusual for Thomas Jones.

The recently appointed director of integrated mental health services for Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay has a good sense of humour, which comes in handy when you share the same name as a famous crooner.

On the job since April 7, Jones is stepping into a new position within HHHS and Ross Memorial, where he will oversee mental health programs between the two organizations.

Born in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, Jones is familiar with rural life and is already adapting to life in the Highlands, although he is still getting used to the wildlife.

"On three separate occasions I've come across deer who have run across in front of my car," he said. "But I haven't hit them, thankfully."

A graduate of the University of Ottawa, where he studied psychology and leisure education, Jones wanted to be a physed teacher, but his high school guidance counsellor pointed him in a different direction.

During his post-secondary years he began taking courses with a focus on mental health, which piqued his interest.

Following his studies, the father of three, who is in his late 40s, began working with young offenders before entering the health field, his first position at the Queen Street Mental Health Centre, now known as the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).

"I've travelled a bit, in terms of gaining experience in the mental health field," said Jones.

From there he went to work at St. Joseph Healthcare in Hamilton, Ontario Shores in Whitby and most recently Mackenzie Health in Richmond Hill and Vaughan.

"Having worked in the front-line area of mental health, no two days are the same. Every day is different. You can see the changes you are making in people's lives. You can appreciate it," said Jones.

In his new position the director will be splitting his time between the hospital in Lindsay and the HHHS mental health

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office in Minden. (He will be living part-time in Minden.)

"What we're doing is looking at how we can improve services for both environments," said Jones. "One area of focus is seeing how we can transition individuals more seamlessly from the hospital to back home."

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Thomas Jones is the new director of integrated mental health services for Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, Angelica Blenich Staff

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As someone who thrives on new challenges and opportunities, Jones saw the position between HHHS and Ross Memorial Hospital as a chance to oversee programs that cover a wide and vast community.

"All our lives are touched by mental health, whether we realize it or not. You could walk down the street and come across 10 people and I guarantee you the majority of those people have a mental health issue in one shape or form. It's just the continuum. We all deal with them in a different way," said

Jones

With issues ranging from depression and anxiety to schizophrenia, everyone has different coping mechanisms and tools to deal with their own personal situations

"Some of us don't have a toolbox that's as full, and we lack the tools to support us. And some of us have more tools and our support network is better," he said.

Jones credits recent efforts and campaigns, such as the Bell Let's Talk campaign, as bringing mental health issues

to the forefront and erasing negative stereotypes.

In one of his previous roles he was involved with a family who introduced a mental health program at a high school, which was successful.

"I think that's where we're going to gain a lot of our success, in dealing with the stigma of mental health. I think we have to start with our kids and really bring it to the forefront in the schools," he said. "Because we need to change the mindset."

He is optimistic about the options available to HHHS and Ross Memorial in mental health.

"I see a lot of opportunities to work with the community and engage our community stakeholders in developing something quite good," he said. "I think we will need to embark on a community engagement exercise, where we will have some extensive conversations with our community partners and also engage in conversation with users of our services and their family members."

He hopes through those conversations he will be able to identify what's working well, where there are opportunities for improvement and new ideas.

"I don't think any one person has all the answers. When you start putting heads together you start coming up with some really great ideas," he said.

Jones plans on spending the first few months on the job getting to know and understand the community before making any big changes.

He stresses the job is not about serving his needs but those of the clients and their families.

"Individuals with mental health issues do not choose to have a mental health issue, just like I don't choose to have diabetes or a heart condition," he said. "These are the cards you're dealt in life. So why would you treat someone with a mental health issue any different than you would someone with diabetes?"

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Municipality fields septic inspection calls

Incomplete inspections land applicants in limbo after health unit stops doing them

Angelica Blenich Staff reporter

As the June 30 deadline approaches, confusion over how the transfer of septic permits will be done between the health unit and local municipalities remains

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit recently announced it will no longer be handling septic inspections, leaving that responsibility to the municipality.

Dysart et al chief building official Dan Savers told council at its April 28 meeting that he had been receiving irate phone calls from residents who have received letters from the health unit.

"We're actually getting copies of all the letters," said Sayers. "There's two different letters going out."

The first talks about incomplete files, which are going to be handed over to the municipality to be finished, said Sayers.

The second letter deals with longstanding files, ones where the construction of the septic never started.

"In those letters they are saying they are going to revoke the permit unless construction commences prior to May 30," said the CBO. "Basically what they're saying is those files never started, so there's nothing to pass on to us."

Sayers and Dysart chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee have been trying to get the files for septic permits from the HKPR health unit, but have been told they will only get active files on June

However all files, active or not, required a fee to be paid by the appli-

"They paid a fee," said Sayers. "The health unit does provide provisions to obtain a refund on their website. I'm assuming anyone who hasn't started construction could request a refund of their building permit fee ... if I had one of those letters personally I would request a refund."

Fees to take out a septic inspection permit ring in around \$875, depending on the permit.

A septic permit is required by the Ontario Building Code Act in order to obtain a building permit to construct a building or add onto a building, said

Due to stipulations in the Building Code Act, the health unit is within its rights to revoke permits, if they are out of date, said Sayers.

In the past, however, the health unit has been honouring permits.

"I think that's what's got people up in arms now, because they're saying before it wasn't like that," said Sayers.

The CBO is now worried that by not getting the septic files from the health unit prior to June 30 construction projects will be delayed. He suspects there could be upwards of thousands of files to be transferred.

"It won't be that long issuing permits, but we're going to be a lot slower doing

If I had one of those letters personally I would request a refund.

> — Dan Sayers Dysart chief building official

them and slower doing inspections until we get organized," said Sayers.

"It would have been nice to get the files ahead of time and have time to review everything and know what's going on."

Wilbee told council members that she and Sayers have been trying to get answers from the HKPR health unit but have been unsuccessful thusfar.

Sayers said other area CBOs, including Kawartha Lakes are experiencing similar difficulties and that the health unit wasn't clear throughout the entire process.

Director of environmental health for the HKPR Health Unit, Chris Beveridge said they are hoping to get active files to local municipalities prior to June 30, however historical files will likely be coming later.

"Because we have about 50,000 files to copy," he said. "So that's no easy feat."

According to Beveridge, historical files do not contain pertinent information and the septic permit process can still con-

"Unlike the active files, which are ongoing permits, that we're starting and they'll have to finish. The historical ones are already finished," he said. "It's certainly not essential to have them at the transition

It all depends on the amount of work to issue the permit ... all refunds have to be requested in writing to the health unit.

> — Chris Beveridge HKPR director of environmental health

point, but they will get them over time."

Beveridge says while that should be the only hiccup in the process, the health unit will continue to do file searches until the transfer is complete.

While the Building Code Act does legislate for a septic permit to expire, typically within a one-year period, the health unit has been more lenient in the past.

"At the health unit we've typically given people a two-year time limit," he said. "In some cases we haven't kept up with that time limit ... we have some permits as old as 1998, that people haven't done anything with ... we're revoking those as opposed to transferring them to the municipality, only to do the same kind of work."

Beveridge said the health unit is trying to clean up paperwork and fill in loose holes. Refunds will be issued within reason, he

"It all depends on the amount of work to issue the permit," he said. "All refunds have to be requested in writing to the health

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Multiple stressors on local lakes

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such consequences, he indicated that the reason he himself was so passionate about preserving the lakes was for his children. "If we don't do everything we can to protect our lakes, how can we explain that to our kids?" he asked. The organization has two areas of focus that were emphasized throughout the day: shorelines and septic tanks.

The first guest speaker to take to the microphone was Dr. Norman Yan, of the Ministry of Environment and York University. To give context to the importance of Haliburton County's lakes, he showed a map of the world's lakes, 40 per cent of which are in Canada. "We have unique stakeholder responsibilities here in Canada," he said. "We're really affecting a globally significant resource."

Yan sought to highlight the fact that it is possible to make positive changes in the environment. "If you figure out what's wrong, you can make things better."

"What I want to do is do this quick tour through all the stressors that are affecting Haliburton and Muskoka Lakes," he said, explaining that out of the 14 issues he would present, the first half were ones that were well on their way to repair. Yan talked about how entrophication, acid rain, DDT, lead, ozone depletion and lawn pesticides have all been responded to effectively. "Can we solve environmental problems?" Yan asked. "Absolutely."

During his talk, Yan noted that "there is no place to throw things away," and that whatever humanity does to the environment ends up impacting them. Using the example of toxic levels of lead being found in bloodstreams across the world due to lead in gasoline, Yan explained how regulations were applied, processes were changed and lead levels in bloodstreams fell below toxic levels. "The environment was contaminated, we figured it out, we found the source, we fixed it."

"It takes just a few things: Knowledge, so we need to first recognize we have a problem ... then it takes some sort of action ... and that action cannot take place without will." Yan encouraged the audience to take those three components and work towards eradicating other pressing issues. The current concerns for Haliburton that Yan spoke to were mercury, climate change, calcium decline, road salt, invasive species and novel chemicals.

Andrew Paterson, an inland lakes research scientist with the Dorset Environmental Science Centre, was the second to speak and his presentation focused mainly on the impact of climate change, demonstrated through the growth of blue-green algae. During his opening, Paterson drew parallels between water quality of lakes and cottage property values. "As you increase the [water] clarity by a meter, the prices on average, in Ontario, are about six per cent higher,"

Over the last couple decades, Paterson has been researching blue-green algae blossoms and his presentation touched on three locations: Lake of the Woods, the Hudson Bay Lowlands and the Haliburton/Muskoka area.

In 2005, Three Mile Lake in Muskoka made news head-



In order to maintain a healthy lake ecosystem you need at least 75 per cent of your shoreline in its natural state.

> — Barb Elliot Fleming College professor



Professor Barb Elliot was at the combined lake stewards meeting on Saturday, May 10. After a showing of The Ribbon of Life, an educational video featuring Elliot, she fielded questions from the audience.

lines for the appearance of a blue-green algae scum that covered the lake surface. "Questions arise. Why is this happening? What is the cause? And, importantly, will it happen again?" According to Paterson the answer lies in climate change, with the warmer environments allowing for increased growth and bloom of the algae. Paterson noted that the scum on Three Mile Lake in 2005 did indeed impact

Following Paterson, the audience was then treated to a showing of *The Ribbon of Life*, the CHA produced informational video featuring Fleming College professor Barb Elliot.

"In order to maintain a healthy lake ecosystem you need at least 75 per cent of your shoreline in its natural state," said Elliot, standing on the edge of a lake. Talking to the camera, Elliot pointed out elements of a healthy shoreline and explained their importance, such as the nutrient cycle comprised of the decaying material found along natural shorelines and how the natural structure of shorelines reduce erosion. Changes that property owners make to their shorelines can be detrimental to the lake environ-

"As shoreline property owners there are certain things we may do that can negatively affect the health of our lake, which is not what we want to do. The good news is that we can still reverse these trends," said Elliot in the video's closing. A second video, Beginner's Guide to Shoreline Stewardship, was also produced, and is a step-by-step guide on how shoreline property owners can best manage their shoreline to maintain lake health. The second video was not shown, but was available for purchase, in conjunction with The Ribbon of Life, both of which are also available online through the CHA website.

Before the close of the meeting the audience was given an opportunity to address questions to all three speakers. Questions ranged from erosion prevention to maintaining calcium levels using wood ash and Yan, Paterson and Ellot were more than happy to give their thoughts.

During the question period Yan promoted a global con-

science: "We didn't solve acid rain, we didn't solve ozone depletion, we didn't solve lead pollution, we didn't solve DDT, we didn't solve cosmetic pesticide use just by worrying about our own watershed."

A global conscience is being embraced through the County Wide Water Testing Initiative, a new CHA project. The project, headed by Terry Moore and Debbie Balika, aims to form a collaborative effort between citizen scientists and government organizations. The intent is to train interested volunteers to take the necessary samples from the lakes which will then be sent to places such as the Dorset Environmental Science Centre for analysis. The analysis results will then be published by the CHA.

MacInnes also discussed another initiative in the works, the Shoreline Classification and Restoration Project. The idea was to rate the natural level of the shorelines on perhaps for or five lakes within the county, but when the call for applications was sent out, 45 lakes responded. "The goal is over the next four or five years we'll get those 45 lakes in Haliburton County done so that every property owner on those lakes, other than the ones that opt out ... will get their property classified and will get a customized package in the mail," explained MacInnes, " saying here's how your property was rated, but most importantly, here's some concrete things that you can do, for your specific property to improve it so that you better protect your lake."

The CHA meeting was a call to action for everyone in attendance. "Act now," said MacInnes. "This is the time to act, and how do we act? Septic health and shorelines. It's that simple. Are they more important than organizing the local regatta? In my book, absolutely."

MacInnes was very pleased with the meeting, noting that having the organization booths was a new and welcome feature. He was also thrilled with the attendees. "The enthusiasm, the passion, it's phenomenal. I am so proud of this group of people."





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By Darren Lum

Chilling reality of global warming

thing regularly discussed in most social circles. The concept is complicated and the consequences are overwhelming -so much so that most simply throw their hands up in

more immediate problems.

to change that perling the county, and the province, asking people to take climate

He points out that in Haliburton County, one of our tourist attractions - our trout population, which requires cold water - will be in jeopardy should lake temperatures increase even slightly.

we have all heard about: erratic and dangerous weather conditions, warming oceans, loss of habitat for animals and humans, less fresh water, extinction of

We are on the edge of what the planet can handle as far as carbon

emissions below the trillion-ton mark, stopping temperatures

from increasing two degrees Celsius above pre-Industrial levels.

Two degrees is what political leaders have agreed would be the upper limit of warming Earth could tolerate before disaster occurs.

If we look at our emissions in terms of a carbon budget, we

have spent nearly everything in our bank account, says Moore, a Halls Lake resident, who participated at the Al Gore Climate Reality Leadership Training Program.

In light of the upcoming provincial election, his analogy is particularly poignant.

While party leaders - and local candidates - rightly speak about our fiscal budget, seldom is our carbon budget

broached. But if we ignore the state of our climate, eventually our fiscal situation won't matter anymore we, and the plants and animals around us, won't be here.

Before we throw up our arms again at the futility of it all, Moore says we should look at the climate crisis in positive terms.

This is a problem we know how to solve; we just have to get out there and do it.

ing College on May 15 at 7 p.m.

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Chad Ingram

Reporter

THE VICTORIA DAY weekend is nearly upon us and Haliburton County has lived to fight another season.

That's hyperbole, yes, but rural municipalities in this province are struggling. They are being pushed to the brink by a combination of decreasing funding and increasing costs from the provincial and federal levels of government.

They are being given less and asked to give more.

The proposed OPP billing model is but the latest example of the province putting increased financial pressure on rural townships.

That model, which the Liberal government had been hoping to enact in June, would take an additional \$5 million a year out of Haliburton County.

That's \$5 million that it doesn't have.

While prudent fiscal management currently has the municipality in a debt-free position, by the end of 2014, it will have just \$2.3 million in reserves.

I'd wager there are some residents of Kennisis Lake who have more money in their bank accounts.

Municipalities in Ontario have seen their responsibilities grow during the past couple of decades, as services have been downloaded from the province.

Highways that had been provincial, land ambulances, social housing - municipalities were required to start paying for things they hadn't paid for before.

A good chunk of this downloading took place in the late 1990s under then-Premier Mike Harris. The removal of services from the province's purview allowed him to claim his government

was balancing the books, when in reality it was playing pass the buck, shovelling work from the provincial desk into the laps of townships.

And while the province has been giving municipalities more financial responsibilities, it has been rolling back

Under Dalton McGuinty, equalization payments through the Ontario Munici-

pal Partnership Fund were reduced drastically.

In Haliburton County, funding fell by \$1.2 million in both 2010 and 2011. It fell from \$800,000 in 2013 to \$680,000 this year and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario reported that the provincial budget that was defeated May 2 contained an accelerated cut to the OMPF. Paired with the OPP funding

formula, that's a double kick in the pants for the county. And it's not just the province. No, the

feds have been getting in on the downloading action too.

In 2012, the federal government eliminated its Community Access Program, which provided public Internet access.

The costs for providing machines for public use were then absorbed by the

The trend is an unsustainable pressure-cooker, one that, as we are likely to see starting next year, will ultimately result in substantial municipal tax

In 1851, 90 per cent of Canadians lived in rural areas and today, almost the inverse is true.

At the rate things are going, soon there will be barely a community north

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Carbon emissions and global warming can seem insurmountable and, in the Highlands, distant to our everyday existence.

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Moore will be speaking at Flem-

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Letters

LAST WEEK, along with our normal mail, was a letter addressed to our cat Maggie. It was a pleasant reminder from her veterinarian that she needed to visit for her annual check up.

Letters like this always make me feel like a bad pet owner.

You see, our two dogs and two cats frequently receive correspondence from the vet and, as ashamed as I am to admit it, not one of them ever reads these messages.

For a while, I thought they did.

I'd hand the card to the pet in question and they'd look at it thoughtfully. Then they would either walk away shaking their heads or chew on the edges, just like I do.

heads or chew on the edges, just like I do.

Last year, however, I noticed, as often as not, they were holding

Steve Galea Loon Tales

the letters upside down. And when I asked them about the contents, they'd look at me as if it were none of my business.

So we did online literacy tests and found out that not one of my pets reads at greater than first grade level.

Take my spaniel Callie. At best, she can sound out a few words, but only if they begin with the ruff or grrr sound. Mumbles, my cat – though quite the philosopher – signs his name with four parallel claw marks.

After those tests, I realized I had failed them in their home

I guess I should have worked harder at this when they were younger. I should have read to them every night, taught them the alphabet and made them sound out words. Lord knows I tried. But you can only watch a dog eat so many books before you give up. And the cats always fell asleep three words into it.

I'll be honest with you. I didn't think reading would be required for them. Call me old school, but when I was a kid, cats and dogs got along just fine without ever knowing how to read. After all, you don't need to know how to read to chew on a bone, fetch a toy, scratch up a carpet or sleep on the couch – and these are still the primary occupations of my pets.

But the world is changing. The old ways no longer apply. Now there are postcards from veterinarians to contend with.

I'm not saying this is a bad thing. If they knew how to read, it would open up a whole new world for them. They'd be able to enjoy magazines like Retriever Journal or Bird Watcher's Digest. They'd be able to watch foreign movies with subtitles. In short, they'd be more well-rounded.

But I also think with reading would come a loss of innocence. For instance, I have done my best to protect our pets from the Internet. But if they were literate they would soon be spending all their time online. Next thing you know they would discover cute kitten or puppy websites and see the ridiculous things people do to their pets in order to post a photo online. They'd soon realize this is exploitive and demeaning and they would have a lot of questions. Then I would have to explain why I sometimes make them wear Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses.

Yes, reading would be a game changer.

Right now they think – don't ask me why – that I get on this computer every day and write important philosophical, political and scientific papers that advance humanity and culture. If they were able to read, they might know – as you all do – that this is untrue as I rarely write about politics.

I'm not sure how I feel about this.

Besides, reading and writing isn't as important as it once was. I think the appreciation of good writing started to decline with the acceptance of the phrases "Whazzup?" and "badonkadonk." And reading took a downturn about the same time I started writing. Who knows why?

In any case, I guess it doesn't matter that my pets are functionally illiterate. That never stopped anyone from texting.

letters to the editor

We don't get who we vote for

To the Editor,

Re: "Johnson and Scott face off again," *Echo* page 1, May 6. Oh good, another chance to choose the ventriloquist's dummy! Federally or provincially that's the best we can do. We can choose the dummy but not the ventriloquist. Yes, let's have leaders' debates, at least we have a chance to compare them unfiltered by the media but until we can vote directly for one, his/her party and policies this is going to be a frustrating exercise.

And we could end as before with some party (2011

Ontario election) grabbing less that 50 per cent of the seats with less than 38 per cent of the vote and presuming to govern as though it were a legitimate government. Or worse, we could have a party winning less than 40 per cent of the vote and more than 50 per cent of the seats (the 2011 federal election) entirely convinced it had a right to govern without respect for the opposition.

Jim Milne Haliburton

For Mummy

To the one whose breath birthed mine so I could inhale wind and exhale fear.

Whose vision sharpened my sight, dangling a leaf above my crib as I reached and reached and reached, beyond the green sky of her eyes.

Whose voice was the first melody I ever heard, dropping into my ears, that formed a nest for the gentle bird.

Whose hands awakened my own to explore the beauty hidden in the world.

The hills of her breasts were the first things I touched, drenching my fingers in the waterfall of her hair, as her moss-coloured eyes smiled down at me.

I gazed up at her beauty before I saw the sun, crawled along her trunk, clinging to her limbs, before I peeled a scrap of skin off a birch tree. She chided me that day, as I clutched the crumpled scrap of birch in my fist. Asked me how I would feel if somebody peeled a strip off me? Oh Mummy, don't be silly, I stared up into the green puddles of her eyes, where I saw tiny suns reflected in their centres.

Her hands pried me away from the scabs that always erupted on my calves and knees each summer, that I picked at and peeled until they bled. She washed the trickles of blood away then kissed the pink skin and whispered into my ear, "Leave it be, Chivi. Let it heal." The rawness of her breath as she rasped and gasped her last breaths until Silence swathed. Her lungs, bathing them in the darkness that cradled her before she was born. Sometimes I still pick at the scabs of the past. I don't let them heal. I still feel the leaf dangling above my head, reaching up for the twigs of her fingers, the branches of her arms, the sky of her eyes that canopies me now, as I walk through the sculpture trail, the granite and marble and stone statues consoling me, the tall tall trees swaying above me, as I reach out to touch the trunk of a birch, my fingers grazing her skin.

Mummy. My breath cradling her, releasing her into the wind, that propels me forth toward my next step, my next journey, my next home. Every breath I take, as I wander through this forest, takes my breath away. Because of her. Mummy. A mantra I chant when I feel alone. The world answers me as I listen to her Breath sighing in the trees, slinking through the spaces between the leaves, the sky of her eyes glinting down at me, as I stumble through the world, breath by breathtaking breath.

Poem by Sylvia Kalenda

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Students pay tribute
On the evening of Wednesday, May
7, Haliburton Highlands Secondary
School students were on stage in
the Northern Lights Performing Arts
Pavilion for the Tributes Show. The
celebration of fine arts consisted of several skits, dance numbers and musical performances. Artwork was also hung in the foyer for audience members to appreciate during the 15-minute intermission.

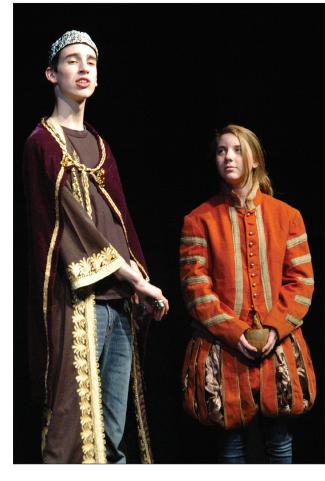
Above left, Brooke Stevenson, of Heritage Ballet, performes the skelletal Les Catacombs.

Above right, during the intermission, Rena and Kestrel Woodley admire some of the artwork hung in the school foyer.

Right, Sage McChesney and Arial Weiss played King Arthur and a coconut clapper in a skit from Monty Python and the Holy Grail.

Below left, Alyssa Denyer is an exercise fanatic in a parody of the Disney Frozen song Do You Want to Build a Snowman.







The guitar quintet, consisting of Taylor Morrison, Jessica Toth, Alex Yake, Yuki Stagg and Beth Foster performed *Scarborough Fair*.

Success of OPP May Day unclear

Lots of participation, but not necessarily political traction in county-led protest day

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

While it is difficult to gauge what impact OPP May Day may have had, local politicians are grateful to the county residents who participated and are continuing their lobby against the proposed OPP billing for-

The county had asked residents to call and email the offices of the premier and community safety minister on Thursday, May 1, in protest of the billing model, which would come into effect in 2015.

It attempts to redistribute OPP costs on a per household basis throughout the province and would see the county's collective annual policing costs rise from \$3.3 million to more than \$8.5 million.

"It's hard to gauge any result, of course, but we do know people have been extremely active on this issue," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wrote in an

According to the county's IT department, Haliburton County's website had 1,369 visitors on May 1, with 1,000 of those being new visitors to the site and with the page the county had created on the OPP billing model receiving more than 1,250 unique

The page explained how adopting the formula would equate to tax increases of

between 20 and 36 per cent at the lower tier levels and provided sample letters for resi-

Those numbers are significantly higher than normal traffic, where we usually see about 1,800 users in an entire week," Mof-

The campaign had also urged residents to take to Twitter with the hashtag #OPPMay-Day and there were 299 tweets that used the handle, with an overall hashtag reach of more than 34,000.

"I have been forwarded, or cc'd on, about 100 letters and there were many folks who told me they sent a letter or email without cc-ing me and many more who said they made phone calls," Moffatt wrote. "A number of people told me they had difficulty getting through on the phone lines of Premier Wynne's office and Minister Naqvi tweeted that they were receiving lots of calls that day. I don't believe Minister Naqvi's acknowledgement of #OPPMayDay on Twitter means anything other than that - an acknowledgement."

On the afternoon of May 1, Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Yasir Nagyi had tweeted: "We are working closely with @AMOpolicy& municipalities to develop an OPP billing model that is fair, equitable & transparent. #OPPMayDay"

The paper had arranged to speak to Naqvi May 2, but did not hear from him after the legislature was dissolved that day.

The budget the Liberal government tabled on May 1 was defeated in Queen's Park May 2, setting the stage for a June 12 election.

'We have no feedback that gauges if our efforts made any dint in the issue but I'm confident we've done the right thing for our taxpayers and thank those who took the time to participate," Moffatt wrote. "Other negatively affected municipalities are interested in continuing the lobby and we'll discuss any next steps soon. The election is another opportunity to bring the issue to light at the provincial level."

After the proposed billing model had become a central issue at a February Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference in Toronto, PC Leader Tim Hudak had hinted at scrapping the model if his party formed government in the next election.

"I think the day of action went reasonably well I was pleased that we got coverage on regional media including [CBC's] Ontario Morning and CHEX TV," Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid wrote. "It's very hard to tell how many people actually took time to contact Queen's Park, but the key message we need to send is, it's not too late, please express your concern."

Reid, who was the county's representative on a steering committee on OPP costs organized by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, believes the message is getting across at Queen's Park.

Whether the election delays the anticipated June announcement of the model decision depends on who forms the next

government," she wrote.

Because it is a regulatory change, the OPP billing model does not have to pass through MPPs on the floor of the legislature.

"I cannot measure the response on May Day, but I can say the responses I received were informed," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey wrote in an email.

Fearrey is hopeful the election will change things.

"Being premier of Ontario requires one to represent all of Ontario, not just a power base in Toronto," he wrote, noting that it is largely rural areas that would see drastic increases in OPP costs under the new model. "What has been identifiable in this process is that urban areas are given favour as opposed to the rural areas with large seasonal fluctuations, and the failure to recognize that people generate calls not households. Clearly this translates into call for service and population."

MPP Laurie Scott said her office received many calls on May 1 and that she was copied on many emails.

"We got tons," said Scott, who has raised the issue of OPP billing at Queen's Park.

While she didn't have an official total, Scott said it was safe to say she was copied on hundreds of correspondences to the government.

"I say thank you to everybody who participated," she said.

Currently, annual costs in the county range from \$76 per household in Algonquin Highlands to \$187 in Minden Hills.

The estimated average per household cost under the proposed model would be

One of the main criticisms of the model by local politicians and staff is that it uses a per household metric and weights seasonal residences evenly with year-round ones.

Rick Johnson, Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, said the disparity in policing costs that currently exists among Ontario municipalities needs to

"It has to be a formula that is fair both to residents in this area and throughout the province," Johnson said. "I think it's not fair that residents of Kenora are paying \$1,000 [per household] for policing. "There's disparity within the county itself.

On Friday, Johnson issued a press release indicating that "that if elected the Kathleen Wynne government will take action to resolve concerns raised by municipalities who rely on police services delivered by the Ontario Provincial Police."

According to the release, a revised model would include commercial and industrial properties and weight costs at 60 per cent for base service and 40 per cent for calls for

The model the Liberal government had been proposing weighted these costs 73 per cent for base cost and 27 per cent for calls.



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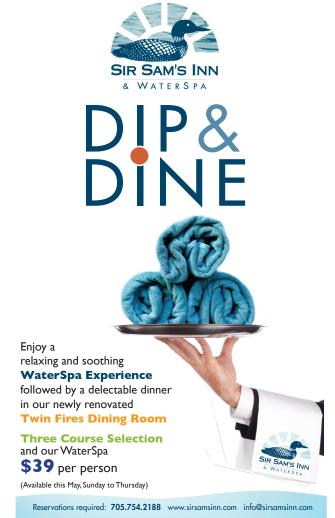
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Speaker hopes to reinvigorate climate change discussion

Talk at Fleming College May 15 will focus on the basics of global warming and how people can go about fixing the problem

Jenn Watt

Editor

Switching your incandescent light bulbs and better insulating your home isn't going to stop global warming - far more is required, says Halls Lake resident and upcoming CFUW speaker Terry Moore.

And while Moore knows climate change is complex and overwhelming, he said the problem is too pressing

"People experience it as being so big you can't figure out how to talk about it. So, if it's so big [people think,] 'I can't worry about things that are so big, I have to worry about things that are smaller than this that I can actually do something about," he said.

"The problem is that, in a democracy, especially in a democracy like ours that's being made into an energy superpower and is seriously part of the problem, if citizens don't take action, who is?'

Last August, Moore travelled to Chicago to attend the Al Gore Climate Reality Leadership Training Program and came back better educated on the science of climate change and ready to spread the word.

He sends out letters to schools, unions, service organizations - just about anyone he can think of - and volunteers to do presentations on the topic, gearing it to his

On Thursday, May 15, the Canadian Federation of University Women is hosting his talk at Haliburton's Fleming College, free and open to the general public.

Moore intends to take the audience from the basics of carbon emissions to the political and environmental realities facing Canada and the world today.

The subject matter is heavy, but Moore thinks it's necessary to maintain life on earth.

"We have got to the point that we're putting so much carbon into the atmosphere that we're actually going to challenge life itself if we don't stop. Business as usual is going to put life on the firing line, us included. Somehow we've got to be able to break the silence on this," he says.

If the world's atmosphere were likened to a household budget, there would be a trillion-ton carbon threshold before bankruptcy and wild climate change occurs.

That mark is closer than one might think.

"What the IPCC [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change tells us is that we have to cut by around 2.1 per cent per year, our greenhouse gas emissions, on a world scale, and we're going up by 2.5," he says.

"Greenhouse gases are cumulative on a millennial scale ... what we put up there will be there for up to 1,000

Moore has been politically active his entire adult life, first getting involved in student politics at university and ending up working as a union negotiator. In between he worked for Ontario Public Interest Research Group and the NDP as a researcher.

His concern for the climate doesn't align with left-right politics, however; he is critical of Canada's three main parties for doing far less than is necessary to avert disaster for the planet.

There's a conservative party that is serious about this, but it's in Germany. [German Chancellor] Angela Merkel is as conservative as Stephen Harper is, but she's not a climate change denier," he says.

"We have a model of a conservative government that isn't a denier and is leading the effort. The problem that we have is the fossil fuel industry and the oil patch is so incredibly powerful in Canadian politics."

An admitted carbon addict, Moore says he needs more people to commit to making change in order for the necessary shifts in behaviour to happen.

"We have to keep 80 per cent ... of the known fossil fuel reserves in the ground. We can't burn them. If we burn them, it's game over for the climate. So, how do we actually deal with that?

"I'm implicated too. We all are. There's no way that any of us can get through the day without burning a huge amount of fossil fuels," he says.

The solution is to collectively begin pressuring political leaders to make changes that will slow climate change



For a long time, people have been avoiding talking about and acting on climate change, says Terry Moore. The consequences of doing nothing could mean the end of human life on earth as we

On Thursday, May 15, he will lead a public talk on the topic at Fleming College at 7 p.m. hosted by the local chapter of

Zach Cox Staff



The problem is that, in a democracy, especially in a democracy like ours that's being made into an energy superpower and is seriously part of the problem, if citizens don't take action, who is?

— Terry Moore

even if it's against their nature, he says.

"My only solution to this is we have to build a movement on the ground that is able to push the politicians where they don't want to go," he says.

In Canada, that shift is particularly hard to orchestrate as the tar sands promise wealth and jobs.

Moore blames oil companies for slowing citizens' awareness of the problem.

"They've created a denial industry, which has delayed political action for decades," he says.

After coming back from Chicago last summer, Moore along with a few others created Climate Reality Haliburton, which has been holding enviro-café events to raise awareness across the county.

It can be hard to imagine climate change being a problem in the Highlands, which appears untouched by the smog, traffic and hyper-consumerism of urban areas.

However, Moore says even an incremental change in lake temperature caused by climate change could be devastating for local fish populations and the rest of the

"It will do in our lake trout population if we don't act quickly," he says of the fish species that requires cold water to survive.

That, of course, on top of the more erratic and dangerous weather, which won't spare any region of the world, he says.

What Moore hopes comes of his talk is a more educated public motivated to join him in putting climate change on the political agenda.

"If nothing else, what I want to do on the 15th is try to, in as conversational a way as possible, is say to people: the bad news is that it is a crisis. The good news is we know how to solve it. So, is this a bad news story? If you have a crisis you know how to solve then I prefer to look at that as cup half full."

Terry Moore will speak at Fleming College in Haliburton at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 15. For more information, contact Judy Cole at 705-754-1825.











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How Mother's Day began

Maybelle's



I love Mother's Day, and so do most folks I know. But, boy do we ever take it for granted. I mean, it just keeps coming up every year like too much Thanksgiving turkey. But, oh how happy it makes us, taking time

to honour and celebrate our mothers, their mothers, our kids who are mothers, motherHOOD, maternal bonds, and let's face it...the influence of mothers on our society, and I'm not just talking Lake WhaddyathinkImean, don'tcha know.

You see, once upon a time, there was no Mother's Day. That's right.

It was born one day thanks to a gal named Anna Jarvis back in 1908, when she held a memorial for her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia.

Yep, she was on a mission to honour her mother by continuing work she had started and to set aside a day to honour all mothers.

The way she saw it, a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world." Anna's mother had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues, don'tcha know.

So, Anna Jarvis, who just plain adored her mother, was committed to campaign efforts which led several states to officially recognize Mother's Day in 1910 the first being her home state, West Vir-

And, boy, if it didn't stop there.

Why in 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation creating Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honour mothers.

I mean, whoever said one person can't make a difference should have their head vacuumed ... on the INSIDE!

Now, here's the part that really intrigues ol' Maybelle.

Although Anna Jarvis was successful founding Mother's Day, she sure didn't like it when it got all commercial-like. In fact, she was downright fuming that companies were profiting from the holiday.

By the time the early 1920s rolled around and Hallmark and other such companies had started selling Mother's Day cards, Anna Jarvis got so upset, she had steam coming out her ears ... which was fine in winter 'cause it kept them toasty warm ... but, steaming earlobes in a hot West Virginia summer was just

plain nasty!

You see, the holiday she had worked so hard for was supposed to be about sentiment not profit.

Anna got such a twist in her brow seeing what she thought was misinterpretation and exploitation that she tried to get Mother's Day rescinded.

Imagine THAT!

Why, if she didn't organize boycotts and threaten lawsuits to try to stop the commercialism of it all.

She even crashed a candy-makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923, don'tcha know. Two years later, she protested another event and was arrested for disturbing the peace.

But, you can't keep a good idea down. Anna Jarvis's holiday was adopted by other countries, and now it's celebrated all over the world, don'tcha know.

As for the tradition – you know it well. We give a Mother's Day gift or a card ... or some other remembrance toward our mothers, grandmothers, grandchildren, or some maternal figure on Mother's Day. You see, Anna Jarvis's original intention was to appreciate and honour your mother by writing a personal handwritten letter, saying how much you loved

Nowadays, does anybody still know how to WRITE a letter? I mean, if a mother is lucky she may get a Happy Mother's Day tweet, or a text or email or voicemail message!

But, not in Lake WhaddyathinkImean. Noooooo sireee and ma'am!

When we saw that coming we got on the ticket right away.

Why every single person knocks on the door of every other person and says: Happy Mother's Day, Alfred ... or Jenny. It doesn't matter if you're female or male, a youngin' or a sprite magnificent older person ... everyone is a mother to somebody or something.

Why Alfred Shmecklelauriette is the mother to Bernie his pet Schnauzer. And Twindle Mumbly has at least four pets that nobody knows what they are including him, that he's a mom to.

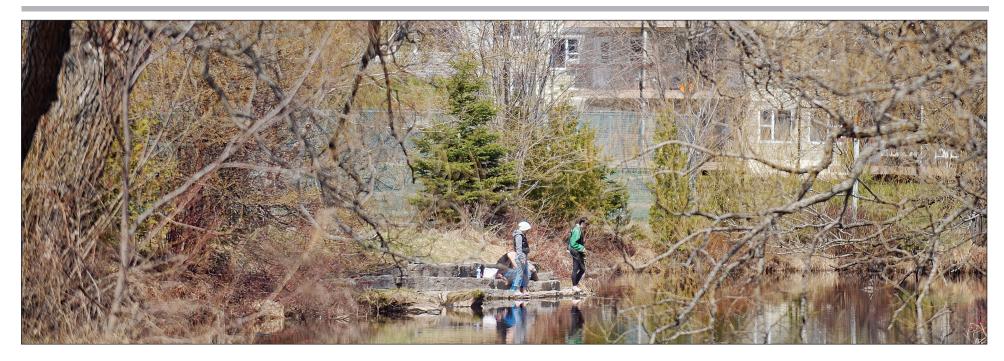
And I say mom not dad 'cause how many dads do you know make chicken soup for a sick Cockatoo?

Just sayin' ... we're all mothers. We take turns mothering our friends, our families ... and hopefully, our Mother Earth.

I hope that you had a Happy Mother's Day ... and if not ... it's never too late.

Have one today ... and tomorrow ... and the day after that, too. Because I know that you're very special to somebody...and that somebody is very special

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Gone fishin'

A group of people soak up the sun and warmth while fishing in Head Lake Park in Haliburton last week. The warmer true-to-spring weather has been drawing people outside. **Darren Lum** Staff

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Above, Finn Tentrees wanted to reduce illiteracy levels, so he collected books to donate to the local libraries. Over the course of a week Finn and the class had gathered more than 200 books.

Grade 6 class builds a somebody

Zach Cox Staff reporter

Who is Nobody? Last October, the students in April Sanderson's Grade 6 French immersion class at the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School were tasked with making a "somebody" out of Nobody; a featureless doll. To do so, the students each developed a fundraiser, awareness campaign or similar venture that supported or promoted causes important to them. From antismoking campaigns to making Christmas cards for those staying in longterm care, Nobody has participated in a wide variety of events and the class has raised more than \$1,000 for various initiatives while gaining fresh perspectives and new world views.

"For my Nobody project, the class collected art supplies for girls in Kenya," says Jessica Byers, adding that her love of art is what led to her project. Charlotte Paton collected donations for the World Wildlife Fund. "As a class we raised \$200 for this organization," she says. One student, Monique Dulong organized a toy drive prior to her trip to Guatemala, and took the collected playthings to children there.

While some of the projects had an international focus, others had more of a local impact. Such projects included volunteering at the Turtle Trauma Centre in Peterborough, helping out at the seniors' home in Wilberforce, and promoting healthy eating habits and an active lifestyle.

Finn Tentrees, an avid reader, wanted to help combat illiteracy and prompted the class to bring in hooks to be donated to the local public library system. "I asked my class if they could donate," says Finn, "we tried to get a lot of books so we could give them to the library. I didn't think I was going to get a lot, then when James came in with two bags of books, he had 179 or more."

By the end of the week, the class had collected more than 200 books along with \$20 to be put towards purchasing additional new reading material. "It was fun to actually do something

to help. I think the highlight was seeing Jamie [Bilodeau]'s surprise when she saw all the books that we got," says Finn. "I think it did a lot."

Who is Nobody? is an educational resource designed to be used with grades 1 to 12. For \$300 a teacher can order a kit online that will provide all the necessary resources for his or her class. This is Sanderson's second year running the program. The Haliburton Rotary Club sponsored the purchasing of the kit last school year, and Sanderson was eligible for a free top-up kit for this year. Being eligible for another free top-up, Sanderson intends to continue the project going forward.

"To me the Nobody project is a great way to get to know my students because it is based on their interests and their enthusiasm," says Sanderson. "It is always interesting to see what projects they come up with. It also promotes citizenship, which is so important. Lastly it shows them the good feeling you get when you help someone, hopefully inspiring them to continue being great citizens."

Finn's mother, Saskia Tentrees, echoes the value of the project. "I think it is a great way to engage the kids and the community in volunteering," she says, also noting that the openness of the project allows for a broad spectrum of project ideas. "It was very positive all round."

The students, too, enjoyed the experience. "Something that seems little can help a lot," says Isaac Little.

"There's a lot of stuff wrong with this world, but when even just a group of 20 kids work together, you can make a difference" adds Charlotte

To show the fruits of their labour, each student created a scrapbook page outlining his or her initiative. In addition, an element related to the initiative was added to the Nobody doll and over the course of the project, Nobody gained defining features. Though still without a gender, race, age, or other such characteristics, Nobody doesn't need those. Nobody has become a full-fledged somebody and is in good company, with an entire class of somebodies.

Above left, the JDHES Grade 6 French immersion class poses with the sombody they created through the Who is NOBODY project. Back row: Paul Turner, Monique Dulong, Lena Haase, Ethan Glecoff, Destiny Wilson-Wells, Jaime Moore, April Sanderson, Rebecca Archibald, Charlotte Paton. Front row: Mackenzie Tidey, Bianca Salaris, Zach Morissette, Isaac Little, James Alexander, Jürgen Shantz, Braeden Robinson, Jessica Byers and Emma Brohm. Zach Cox Staff



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A Senior's Moment

Music! How important in our lives. Maybe you can't carry a tune in a bucket but music can spur on emotions and bring on memories you thought you had forgotten.

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Remember as you grew older, the songs shared with your friends. Some of the lyrics may have even been a bit risqué but most songs were from the Hit Parade.

Some of these songs even carried messages but all carry a recall button that you can push and somehow remember the tune to hum and some of the words to sing again. It also helps bring back to you the events and the people of those days.

Remember the music to which you used to dance. These tunes gained in importance as your affection for your partner grew. You only have to mention the title of a song to a couple who used to dance to it and watch their smiles automatically appear.

The songs that encouraged us to be more patriotic and love our country more are extremely important and we do remember these.

As time marches on, I find myself recalling or trying to recall songs from my parents' days. Once in a while one comes back to me and I find myself humming it throughout the day.

Marching tunes help me recall my days on the executive of the Legion and the parades in which we partici-

Marching music also helps me to remember Rotary parades and the bands lifting the spirits as they moved along and if it was a particularly patriotic tune, feeling the chest swell with pride of country.

Some songs make me cry. I associate Amazing Grace with funerals and so I become sad and weepy.

But most of all it is the music I have shared with my wife, whether singing, humming, or just listening, that has the most important place in my heart.

We, as seniors, can keep our own private, special pieces of music flowing on and on. Hum, sing. But never let the music die.



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Fair Elections bill

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin says he is surprised that the Conservative government's Fair Elections Act has become such a lightening rod of controversy.

'There's kind of a bandwagon," Devolin said, mentioning the Council of Canadians, a social justice organization, and adding that others seemed to have jumped on.

The act would make numerous changes to rules around elections, including those around vouching and the role of Elections Canada.

Vouching means one person attesting that another is eligible to

In its original form, the bill sought to scrap vouching all

together.
"I do not think that it is unreasonable that people need to show a piece of ID in order to vote," Devolin said, adding there are 37 pieces of identification that are acceptable proof of identify.

Devolin spoke to the Times about the bill on April 25. Later that day, Minister of State for Democratic Reform Pierre Poileivre announced the government would make a series of amendments to the bill following weeks of criticism in the House of Commons, the Senate and from academics and elections experts, some of whom called the act unconstitutional.

Revisions will still require voters to produce ID, but, if they lack proof of address, another person can vouch for their place of resi-

Another controversial aspect of the bill has been limits it would put on the country's chief electoral officer.

In the original manifestation of the bill, a gag order would have been placed on the chief electoral officer, prohibiting him from speaking publicly on anything accept the mechanics of an election - how to vote, etc.

Amendments mean the chief electoral officer will be able to speak freely in public. However, the act still places limits on what ads can be run by the chief electoral officer and Elections Canada, including advertising encouraging people to vote.
"The job of Elections Canada

is to administer the election process," Devolin said. "It's not their job to promote democracy. We don't ask the police to give driving

The MP stressed the government was not eliminating the authority to investigate anomalies in elections.

As for promoting participation in elections, Devolin said there were others to do that.

"All the candidates and their political do," he said, adding organizations such as Vote Canada and Student Vote Canada also promote participation in elec-

While the chief electoral officer has been able to serve to the age of 65, chief electoral officers would be appointed to single terms of 10 years after the retirement of the current CEO.

There would also be changes around spending and donations.

One proposal, a loophole that would have removed limits on fundraising calls to people who had donated \$20 or more in the past five years, was scrapped.

Devolin said he was not intimately familiar with the conversation leading up to that proposal.

Individual donation limits would increase from \$1,200 to \$1,500 and the candidate limits to their campaigns would increase from a limit of \$2,200 to \$5,000.

There were sweeping changes made to election spending rules under former Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

'There was a huge choking of the system, in terms of cash flow," Devolin said.

The changes under the Liberals included banning corporations and unions from making contri-

"It's still nowhere near what it was 15 years ago," Devolin said. "Fundraising rules sooner or later benefit the parties who work the hardest at it.'

Devolin was asked if he thought it was fair for a single party to change the rules around elections.

If you want to strip away the rhetoric, every single thing that government does is done by one party, if you have a majority government. I don't remember people saying in 2003 [under the Liberals] that it was inappropriate."

Devolin said he expects to support the bill.

Devolin to support Johnson and Liberals promise changes to OPP billing model

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

The Ontario Liberals are promising to make changes to the proposed OPP billing model if elected to form government in June, but county councillors say the revisions would not do much to help the community.

On Friday, Rick Johnson, Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, issued a press release promising that, "if elected the Kathleen Wynne government will take action to resolve concerns raised by municipalities who rely on police services delivered by the Ontario Provincial Police.

In Haliburton County, concerns have included an increase in annual policing costs from \$3.3 million to more than \$8.5 million, that the per household model the Liberal government had been advocating weighs seasonal and year-round residences evenly and that it does not include commercial and industrial properties.

"As I've travelled across our riding I've heard loud and clear from residents concerned that their property taxes will increase in order to pay for police services," Johnson said in the release. "As MPP, I will work to ensure that any proposed cost increases are fair and equitable and based upon commercial and industrial property, not just households. Furthermore I will advocate for AMO's suggested 60/40 cost ratio."

A revised model would factor in commercial and industrial properties, "which means the pie is sliced in more pieces," Johnson told the paper.

While the proposed model had weighted the per household bill at 73 per cent for fixed base costs and 27 per cent for calls for service, a revised model would change the weighting to 60 per cent for base costs and 40 per for calls for service.

Haliburton County councillors met with former Community Services and Correctional Services Minister Madeleine Meilleur at a Toronto conference in February, but said there was little response to their concerns.

The county requested a meeting with new minister Yasir Naqvi several weeks ago, but did not receive a response.

"The ministry never said it," PC candidate Laurie Scott said of Johnson's release. "I haven't heard anything from the minister himself."

"It's been endorsed by the campaign," Johnson said, stressing he had party approval.

Johnson said he also had a commitment that should the Liberals form government, whatever model was chosen would be audited to ensure fairness, by either the auditor general or a third-party auditor.

Johnson said any cost increase would need to be phased in over a number of years.

"This was a botched system from the start," Scott said, adding that some but not all of the recommendations in a report from the auditor general on OPP costs were being addressed.

That report, which called for a more transparent billing model, made suggestions such as eliminating 12-hour shifts to cut down on overtime costs.

Scott said the province needed to produce per-detachment costs so municipalities could accurately gauge the cost of local policing and that municipalities should have a say in the service levels they require.

A regulatory change, the billing model does not have to pass through MPPs on the floor of Queen's Park.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was the county's representative on a steering committee on OPP costs assembled by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and said the province had been planning to adopt the new model, set to implemented in 2015, as soon as June.

The 60/40 split on base and per call service would be a welcome change in the county.

"That was good news, in a way," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray

While the suggested revised model would include commercial and industrial properties, Fearrey said specifics would be needed.

There's no detail," he said. "Is the *Echo* office weighted the same as the Eaton's Centre?'

Johnson said there would need to be fine-tuning of specifics.

Fearrey also pointed out the suggested revised model still weighed seasonal residences equally with year-round ones.
"There's no consideration for

seasonal

people," he said. "It's still flawed." "The inclusion of commercial and indus-

properties in the billing formula does not really change the prospects for Haliburton County because there are so few commercial and industrial properties across the 325 municipalities served by the OPP," Reid wrote in an email, adding that including those properties in the equation would still see Haliburton County paying substantially more than it currently does for policing.

According to Reid, the 60/40 weighting would help reduce annual costs by approximately \$900,000, to \$7.6 million as opposed to \$8.5 million.

"We still have a big problem on our hands," she wrote. "As long as the Liberals insist on using households as the basis for allocating OPP costs, it will have a very negative impact on Haliburton County."

Reid stressed the county would like an opportunity to present alternate models to Johnson as the candidate or to whomever is the community services minister in the new government.

"There's nothing new in this release," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wrote in an email, adding that the 60/40 split has been on the table for some time and that the phasing in of a new model isn't new.

"I briefly discussed the phasing in of a new model with Premier Wynne at the Good Roads conference in February," Moffatt wrote. "At that time I asked her not to include mitigation funding in the OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund) for the purposes of transparency and tracking."

Moffatt was not sure of the purpose of having a third-party audit of a model.

"If the formula is flawed, so is the outcome and as such, if no other information is presented to third party then they will conclude that it's all fine. The issue remains the use of households."

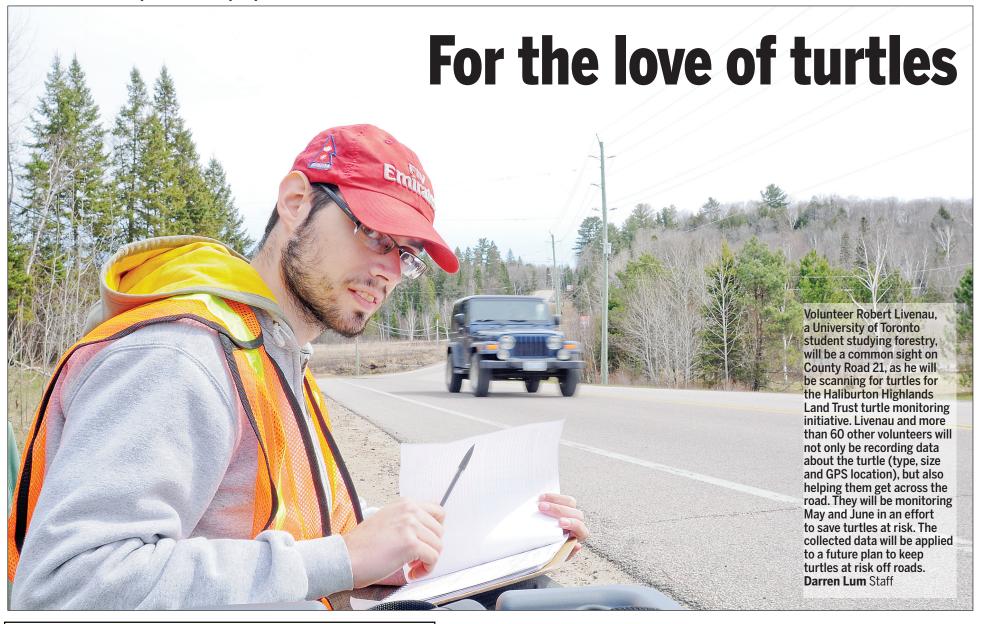
"[Municipal councillors] still have issues and I understand that," Johnson said. "I can only do so much as a candidate. If elected as MPP, I will work my backside

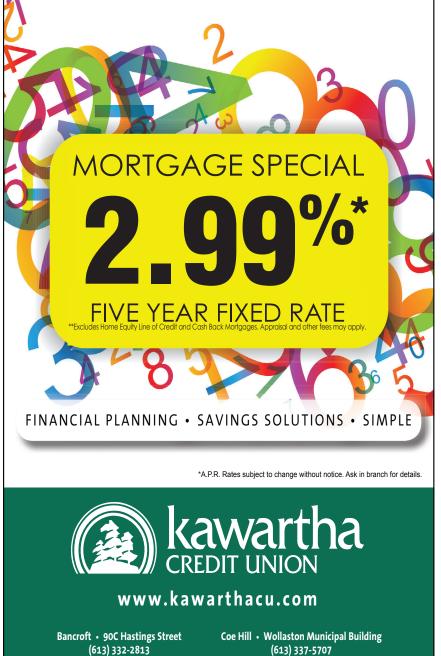




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Scales Nature Park was the highlight of the evening, giving a presentation on turtle identification with some live specimens for volunteers to view - including many of the species considered to be at risk here in Ontario - Blanding's, spotted, wood and two snapping tur-

The study being undertaken involves an enormous volunteer component.

Volunteers are needed to monitor a number of sites around Haliburton County for turtle activity and report the details of their obser-

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This project is funded by the Ministry of Natural Resources Species at Risk Stewardship Fund 2014-15. Partners include U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research and Glenside Ecological Services Ltd. Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is a non-profit, non-governmental, registered environmental charity. Its mission is to protect the natural heritage of Haliburton County for future generations.



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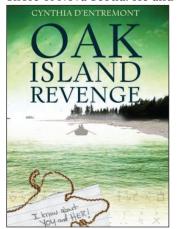




JUNIOR BOOK OF THE MONTH

Oak Island Revenge by Cynthia D'Entremont

It is 1958 and 14-year-old Jonah lives on the Western Shore of Nova Scotia. He and his best friend, Beaz, are



drawn to the mysterious Oak Island where stories of treasure abound. Their quest for treasure yields more than they bargain for, and the boys are soon plunged into danger.

When they find a gold locket down one of the treasure shafts, Jonah and Beaz can't believe their luck - until they realize that the locket is not pirate's booty but possibly evidence in a current murder investigation, one that Jonah already knows more about than he can

Beaz lives in fear of his abusive mother, and makes Jonah swear that he won't tell anybody about their trip to Oak Island. So Jonah keeps the secret even though there is a killer at large in his small community. Oak Island Revenge is a coming-of-age story, with much higher stakes than most teenagers have to contend with.

Oak Island Revenge is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

Help us move our Wilberforce branch! The new branch in Wilberforce will have its grand opening on June 21 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. But we have so many books to move before then! You can help us by visiting the Wilberforce branch and picking up a bag of books - we'll even provide a souvenir bag that you can keep! Check out your books, keep them safe, and bring them back to our brand new Wilberforce branch during the week of June 17. We will be waiving all late fees for books for the first two months that the Wilberforce branch is open.

Submitted



Making the best of a bad situation

Members of the Rails End Gallery Boutique volunteer committee took advantage of the sunny weather during the power outage May 8. From left, gallery curator Laurie Jones, committee members Marguerite Easby and Janet Trull clink their water glasses together celebrating the warm weather. Power was out to most of Haliburton as well as Wilberforce and areas around Tory Hill and Gooderham for about four hours. Jenn Watt Staff

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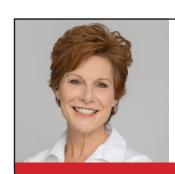
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Members are invited to review the accomplishments of the Chamber over the past year, elect officers to the Board of Directors and look forward to the future of the Chamber in the Haliburton Highlands.



Thursday, June 19th 2014 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Royal Canadian Legion, Minden Branch 12847 Highway 35

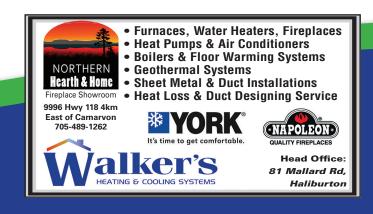
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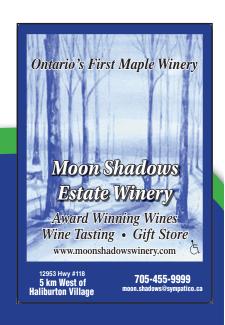
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Buck Baker: crew cuts and straight talk



Janet Trull Town Dock

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WIRLING BARBER poles once graced every main street of every small town across North America until the Beatle haircut threatened to make traditional barbers

Many of the shops with the comfortable leather chairs and the combs sitting in blue disinfectant closed their doors. As the demand for buzz cuts and crew cuts and straight razor shaves fell off, some barbers gave in to the tsunami of social change and became stylists. But not all. Buck (Lloyd) Baker refused to cut "long hair" at his Haliburton barbershop. He chased a few hippies out the door. But as it turned out, there were still plenty of customers who wanted their hair and beards properly barbered.

Of course, a haircut was not the only reason to drop into the barbershop. It was also the best place to get in on a conversation about fishing lures or hunting gear. The talk would get heated sometimes. Buck had strong opinions, and often voiced them in gruff but humorous ways. Debates about local politics would attract drop-ins who weren't getting their hair cut at all. A new customer, seeing the long line-up, might turn around to leave, but Buck would call out, "Just one ahead of you."

Buck had a unique bookkeeping system. Instead of a cash register, he kept track of sales on his cribbage board, moving the peg every time he was paid. He was notoriously frugal, and if he was having a good day, he moved the peg back a few holes so the government wouldn't get more than it deserved.

Many will remember Buck, who served overseas during WWII, leading the parade at Remembrance Day services. He was a regular at the Legion and he enjoyed stopping in for a beer or two, especially when his buddies were buy-

The night his name was drawn for the 50/50, he got a phone call to let him know he'd won some cash. "Holy Jumpin' Mouse!" he said, using his famous exclamation. But, by the time he made his way to the Legion to collect his winnings, there was nothing left in the pot. "Sorry, Buck," the bartender told him. "I thought you said, Drinks for the house!"

Buck grew up on Dysart Avenue in the house beside his dad's blacksmith business. After the war, Buck drew logs into the Eagle Lake Cooperage for Bill Curry, but he soon decided he wanted to be his own boss. He got his barber

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Photos clockwise from top left: Buck Baker, Murray Austin and Herb Baker at Haliburton Lake; Buck Baker and dog "Smokey" at home on Hwy 118 (Drag River); Buck Baker with **Curry Bishop and Murray** Austin after a moose hunt at North Lake.

Photos submitted

training in Toronto and set up shop in a little building on Highland Street that stood where The Photo Shop is now.

Wednesday afternoons, the stores in Haliburton closed down for a mid-week break, and Buck, being a keen outdoorsman, would head out on his snowmobile or his four-wheeler.

Along with friends like Murray Austin and Curry Bishop, he blazed many of the trails between Haliburton and Percy Lake that are still used today.

Weekends were often spent at his cottage on Mud Lake (now called Outlet Bay). "We'd show up at Buck's place with fish to fry or venison steaks, and maybe some corn when it was in

season," says Betty Austin. "Everyone was poor in those days, but we all chipped in and had

Buck retired early to take on his career of hunting and fishing full time. Chest pains slowed him down on one hunting trip. Always the independent guy, he hopped on a bus to Toronto without telling a soul. "After he got triple bypass surgery, he phoned me for a ride home," his daughter Sally Biagi said.

Buck enjoyed being active. He was a good skater and a good dancer. He'd slap on his favourite cologne and travel as far as Peterborough for round dancing. Buck was also a dedicated volunteer in Haliburton, serving as deputy

fire chief for many years.

Buck Lloyd Alexander Baker died in 2004 at the age of 82.

Back in the 1960s and 70s, there were several barbers in town along with Buck. Tom Kernighan and "Pork" Whitaker made their livings clipping and shaving. Haliburton can boast that it still has one of the most popular barbershops around. Bruce Sawyer, whose shop on Maple Street often has a line up of men waiting to get in when he arrives in the morning, continues the tradition of combining a haircut with hunting and fishing conversations.



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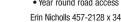


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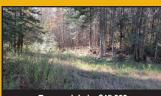
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Haliburton County Echo

Sports



Darren Lum Staff

The senior girls' Red Hawks soccer team were in tough, hosting Brock at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton on Thursday afternoon, May 8. Despite some solid play and strong ball movement in the second half, the Hawks lost 6-nil. They dropped to 1-2 on the season after winning 2-nil against St. Thomas Aquinas.

Brock outpaces Sr Hawks

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

The storm might have held off, but Brock struck for six goals against the Red Hawks senior girls' soccer team this past Thursday at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Hal-

Even the support from a small group of family, fans and peers, who gathered at the stands, wasn't enough to will the Hawks to break the Brock shutout.

Fresh from a 2-nil win against the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans the day before, the senior Hawks were confident

It wasn't to be, as the greater skilled Brock side enjoyed a flurry of offensive attempts before scoring within the first

This was followed up with another less than 10 minutes later, leaving the Hawks done 2-nil. Brock, who scored again before the half, added three more by the end.

Although Kelsey Turner and Madison Billings played well, making several saves each, the Brock attack was overwhelming, with successive shots in close.

It might have been more of a case of less pressure by the opposition than it had to do with better play by the Hawks, but the home side will still take confidence from a second half with better position play, resulting in several scoring chances and a few shots on net. Despite the lopsided score, the Hawks' drive to score remained strong from start to fin-

Three minutes before regulation the referee ended the game due to the threat of lightning.

Hawks back Erica Carmount played a solid game, breaking up at least a dozen scoring chances in the first half with several more in the second. Forward Robyn Albert fought for open space, using her tenacity and speed.

The coaching staff includes Judi Paul and Sue MacDon-

Brock improves to 1-1 while HHSS drops to 1-2.

The Hawks will look to rebound in their next game when they host the I.E. Weldon Wildcats May 13 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The juniors will play first at 3 p.m. followed by the seniors.



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Red Hawks senior forward Robyn Albert, left, challenges for a ball in the Brock end.

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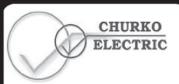


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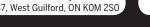
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Best foot forward

The Red Hawks track and field team performs warm-up drills in preparation for an afternoon practice last week. The team includes record breakers Ryan Hill and Charlene Hicks. **Darren Lum Staff**

Judi Paul

Special to the Echo

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week of May 5 to 9.

Congratulations to the senior girls' soccer team on defeating the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas by a 2-0 score last

Goals for Haliburton by Taryn Albert and Jenna Park. Shutout earned by the combination of Madison Billings and Kelsey Turner. Great play by the entire team, with special mention to Erica Carmount and Krista

Junior action

The junior girls' Red Hawks soccer team played a hard-fought game against I.E. Weldon last Thursday.

Tenacious and determined effort from all players, in particular Sydney Feir, Vivian Collings, and Mikayla Stinson-all of whom played with Hal High Heart.

Hawks strike soccer balance Duchene needs votes

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

Haliburton's Matt Duchene needs votes to make the cover for the upcoming EA Sports NHL15 video game.

Duchene, a centre for the Colorado Avalanche of the NHL, is a quarterfinalist with seven other notable players referred to as the "next genera-

The competition for the cover includes Erik Karlsson of the Ottawa Senators, Logan Couture of the San Jose Sharks, T.J. Oshie of the St. Louis Blues, P.K. Subban of the Montreal Canadiens, Drew Doughty of the Los Angeles Kings, Phil Kessel of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Patrice Bergeron of the Boston Bruins.

The Haliburton born player is "honoured" to be included with this group. He's enlisted the help from country stars such as Dierks Bentley, who are encouraging others to vote through twit-

As a child Duchene said making the cover of a video game never crossed his mind.

"I have thought of a lot of things in my career that hopefully one day I would achieve but as a kid I never thought about being on the cover of a video game. I guess I can't say that anymore," he said.

May 18 is the deadline for voting to advance Duchene to the semi-finals. The winner will be announced during the 2014 NHL Awards on June

The popular sports franchise by EA Sports is a long-time staple for gamers who love ice hockey. Duchene's childhood hockey idols Peter Forsberg and Joe Sakic appeared on the cover.

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Keeping karate alive in the Highlands

Sarah Vance

Special to the Echo

Haliburton's Kai-Shin North Branch Karate Club has been a fixture of the village's downtown core for 14 years.

But last week, Roku-Dan Michael Chapman, a six-degree black belt, who runs his club with four instructors, learned that he had 30 days to leave his Highland Street location.

"It is unfortunate that we have been dealt these cards, but we will play the best hand we have," said Chapman. "This will not stall our training, the dojo's momentum is strong and we will continue to have a base to work from."

During a May 1 club meeting, Chapman, joined by his teaching staff, announced that Kai-Shin North Branch would be temporarily relocating to the A.J. LaRue arena, effective June 2.

"We have hosted our annual tournament at the arena for many years and we have a very good relationship with the folks there," said Chapman. "This will decrease our training from six to two nights a week, but it will provide us with a temporary solution that can be reassessed in the fall."

Chapman's Kai-Shin North Branch is well known in the martial arts circuit for consistent strong performances at tournaments and as a destination for sport tourists who travel to Haliburton for the annual tournament and Tamashi-Wari seminars.

"In April, we made a significant impact at the 8 Wing Martial Arts tournament in Trenton and were excellent ambassadors of our region," said Chapman. "Students received feedback, our five black belts adjudicated the ring and we brought home 14 medals."

Despite the impending change of address, Kai-Shin North Branch has been training in preparation for the upcoming Jiyu-Shin tournament in Peterborough. And, under Chapman's leadership, it is continuing to establish itself as a premiere destination to learn karate.

May 4, martial artists from across the province joined local students for the annual Tamashi –Wari seminar. Tamashi translates from Japanese as "breaking" and Wari means "technique." This traditional skill, which involves using parts of the body to break boards and concrete blocks, has become increasingly rare.

Although it is an obscure art, with the correct instruction, Tamashi-Wari is achievable. On Sunday students as young as seven, and those with as little as three months' training, learned the techniques and stances necessary to break boards with their hands, elbows and feet. They also learned meditation techniques, enhanced their coordination and developed their core strength while upgrading their self confidence.

"I have attended many Tamashi-Wari seminars and Sensei Chapman's are the best," said Sensei Monty Guest, who is Tsuroka's first Canadian black belt and the founder of Kai-Shin Karate. Instructors Monty Guest and Mark Bell, founder of Jiyu-Shin Karate were among the many prominent martial artists who travelled to Haliburton.

Kai-Shin North Branch is a respected club that has made the Haliburton Highlands a destination for martial artists. There are direct and sustainable economic benefits to having this club in the region and it maintains a strong potential for growth.

Statistics Canada reports a steady increase in spending associated with sports related tourism, an industry which reached \$3.6 billion profit in 2010 and has been characterized as one of the fastest growing tourism markets in the country.

Kai-Shin North Branch Karate Club, like the Haliburton School of Fine Arts, is a unique local attraction, which appeals to cultural tourists.

"There are advantages to changing location and the arena presents an opportunity to increase membership," said Don Woudstra of Blackrock Landscapes, who was among other local business owners who attended Chapman's meeting on May 1.

Kai-Shin North Branch Karate Club has 32 members, drawn from Hastings Highlands, Tory Hill, Bancroft, Cardiff, West Guilford and Minden.

Beginning in June open classes will continue Monday and Wednesday at the arena from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

"Karate contributes to positive emotional, physical, social and spiritual outcomes," said Chapman. "We are turning the page and, as we move to the arena, we have a larger space to accommodate new and existing members."

From top, Sensei Monty Guest, founder of Kai-Shin Karate, was in Haliburton on Sunday, May 4, with eight-year-old Abby from Bancroft; Sensei Michael Chapman of Haliburton and Sensei John Black (holding the board) assist Abby; students from Peterborough, Bancroft, Coboconk and Mississauga use the knife-edge of their hand to break boards in the Tamashi-Wari Seminar at Kai-Shin North Branch.

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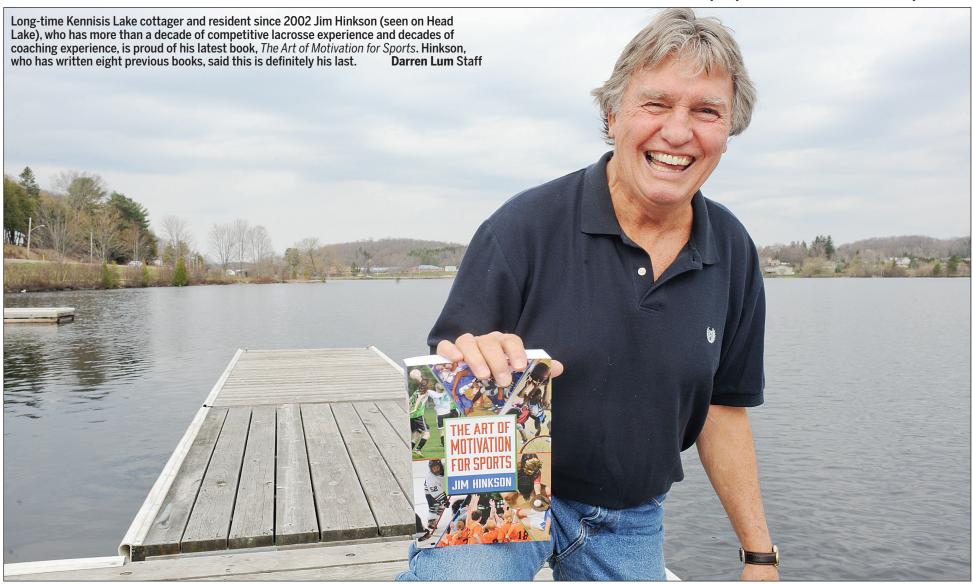
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Coaching book offers comprehensive advice for today's athlete

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

"Everything is coaching," says a local writer with a wealth of experience as an athlete and a coach for his latest and last coaching book.

Jim Hinkson was a strong lacrosse player, winning six championships over a 12-year career - minor and professional, has 38 years of high school level coaching experience and 20 years in lacrosse.

He knows what works and what doesn't.

The Kennisis Lake cottager for 50 years who retired and became a fulltime resident in 2002 has read more than 300 books about coaches, but never found one that offered a comprehensive offering on coaching like his book, The Art of Motivation for Sports.

"If you're looking for a coaching book that covers all aspects of coaching, and I'm talking any team sport, there isn't one out there," he said. "There are books on Phil Jackson [NBA coaching fame], John Wooden, Urban Meyer, who coaches football, all these guys, they've written books, but not coaching books.

These books include aspects of their lives and how they've motivated others, but does not offer anything close to a how-to book on coaching, he said.

Hinkson has always wanted to improve, whether it was as a player or a coach.

He believes his 416-page book, published by General Store Publishing House Inc., offers the novice to the experienced coach advice and insight on coaching today where athletes respond best through a partnership in achieving the team goals as well as progressing in individual performance goals.

A self-described "service-oriented" person, Hinkson felt compelled to write this book for coaches and players.

"I've seen coaches coach and I just shake my head. I can't believe some of the things they say and some of the things they do," he said, referring to yelling and screaming for motivation.

Practices are very important and coaches incorrectly run drills, expecting players to learn from drills instead of the coach, he said.

"The most important thing in running a drill is feedback. Kids want to know: am I doing it right or am I doing it wrong? And what happens is the better kids rise because they're athletic and the average kid and below suffer because no one is telling them," he said.

Hinkson said his former lacrosse coach Jim Bishop of the Oshawa Green Gaels is the best and greatest.

Hinkson won two national championships in 1963 and 1964 under Bishop, whom he credits with the success.

"I was not a very smart guy, but if you want to say, 'What do you get out of sports?' I found you could make up your intelligence or athletic ability by hard work. Bottom line, hard work. You just outwork everybody and that's what I did as a player and that's what I did as a coach," he said.

His coach finished with five more Canadian Junior A Championships.

Part of coaching should include making a good person and not just a good player.

"Coaches make a difference and that's what you want to do. You want to make a difference in a kid's life that he becomes not only a better player, but also a better person and that's why you should be teaching values. You should be teaching behaviour on how to act because whether they go on in sports or not we have the platform to teach that. Other than parents, coaches have the biggest influence on youth today," he said.

Coaches spend a great amount of time with children and youth during the most stressful of situations.

This book applies to more than just sport, he said.

"A business guy could pick this book up and read about handling people, empowering people," he said.

Another aspect that is key in today's world is to empower and work with athletes instead of over them. It's important to be partners with players and work together to correct

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"Building and putting a team together: from doing that you get synergy and synergy is if you have 10 kids that play really well together they play like 20 kids. They get all that extra energy and power of loving each other, trusting each other, caring about each other and that's really important," he said. Although he didn't move here fulltime until more than 10 years ago, Hinkson said most of his books were written at his Highlands home, overlooking the lake.

"Other than the first book, I've written all my books up here," he said, pointing to the inspiration he gets from being immersed in the Highlands' beauty. "It's quiet. Nobody bugs you. You get a lot done."

The book is available at popular online book retailer sites or contact the author at jhinkson@sympatico.ca.



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Left, Jack Brezina adds condiments to his burger at the Haliburton M&M Meat Shop location on May 10. It was the 26th Annual M&M Meat Shops Charity BBQ Day in support of Crohn's and Colitis Canada. For a minimum donation of three dollars people could enjoy a hamburger or hot dog, a drink and a bag of chips.

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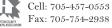
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Zach Cox Staff

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Tickets will be \$20 for an adult and \$10 for a student.

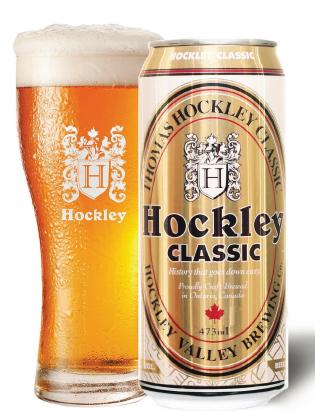
All net profits from the performance will be going to the HHSS music program. Tickets available from Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton, Pharmasave in Minden or Mrs.

Jackie Mayhew at HHSS.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the performance, please contact Melissa Stephens at m.stephens@tldsb.on.ca.

-Submitted

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Legion br. 624

Jan Simon PRO Wilberforce Legion

Weekly - May 12th- May 18th Monday Bid Euchre 7:00PM Elections 7:00pm Bring Tuesday your membership card!! Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30pm

Friday Pool 1:30pm

Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:00pm

Jam Session 7:00pm Come to play or listen to great music Meat Draw Saturday 2:00pm

Sunday Horseshoe Tournament Registration 11:00am-12:00pm

Play 12:30 SHARP Music on the

Come & Enjoy the first tournament

of the season

-5:00pm



Legion br. 129

Haliburton Legion

Weekly Activities

Wednesdays:

start

Bid Euchre

1 p m

Bingo open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - \$500 Jackpot

\$1000 Jackpot - Last Wednesday of the month

Thursdays:

Second Thursday of General Meeting the month starting at 7:30 pm

All members urged to

Ladies Auxiliary

attend Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm

Fridays:

Five Draws, Five Prizes Meat Draw each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are \$2 per draw...Chester Howse, MC

Saturdays:

50/50 Draw pm draw, Tickets are \$1 each from noon onwards

Sundays:

Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month - 9:30 am -1 pm

\$6 per

Upcoming Events: Live entertainment featuring The Highlands Trio in the Club Room Saturday June 7th 4 - 7 pm. Enjoy beef on a bun for just \$5 - no cover.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion today for more information 705 457 2571

Please come out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129...everyone is welcome!

Hike Haliburton Festival Opportunities

The Hike Haliburton Festival wishes to engage the local community in the organization and presentation of the 2014 Hike Haliburton Festival scheduled for September 18-21.

Local businesses are invited to indicate their interest in providing the any of the following services catering for barbeque, sound technical services, transportation services, and signage production.

Local community groups and service clubs looking for fundraising opportunities are invited to indicate their interest in including their event in the Festival, hosting a festival event, or running a concession.

Individuals are invited to indicate their interest in being a hike leader, hike volunteer, or event volunteer.

The Festival is looking for sponsors and donations to help sustain and grow the Festival to continue to improve the program and increase marketing efforts to attract more visitors to spend more money in the community.

Please send expression of interest, business/organization name and contact on or before May, 31, 2013 to:

> **Amanda Ranson Director of Tourism County of Haliburton** 11 Newcastle St Minden, ON KOM 2KO 705-286-1333 ext 230 amanda@myhaliburtonhighlands.com



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Notice



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Lease and Development of Vacant Land at the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is accepting detailed aviation-related proposals for the long-term lease and development of an unserviced parcel of land adjacent to the airport.

PROPERTY LOCATION: The 1.58 acre parcel of vacant land is located at the corner of Green Lake Road and Stanhope Airport Road shown as Part 2 on Plan 19R-7965, Part Lot 31 Concession 5, geographic Township of Stanhope.

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 3pm

Sealed proposals plainly marked: "Lease and Development of Vacant Land at the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport RFP #2014-003 should be submitted to the name and address noted below.

Electronic or fax submissions will not be accepted. RFP documents can be found at www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

For further information, please call 705-489-2379.

Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM III, HR Professional Chief Administrative Officer Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Road Algonquin Highlands, ON **K0M 1J1**

P: 705-489-2379 Ext. 222 E: abird@algonquinhighlands.ca

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Careers and Business Opportunities

Seeking Experienced Publisher/General Manager

Come join an award winning, deeply rooted community newspaper looking for a hard working publisher/general manager with a passion for community, news, and strong leadership skills.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Knowledge of the newspaper industry
 - Strong leader
 - Post Secondary Education
 - · Sales skills an asset
 - Great personal skills
- Have a positive attitude
- Willing to take chances and learn from your peers • Hard working and enjoy rewards in a team environment

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Manage the sales, editorial and operations with a focus on building upon the strong history of the paper
 - Sell advertising in our local community newspapers across numerous regions for maximum growth
- Be part of an ever growing team, developing new verticals and supplements for new revenue and income opportunities

COMPENSATION: Base + Performance Bonuses

Let's Talk.



John Miles Operations Manager Simcoe York Printing and Publishing john@simcoeyorkprinting.com

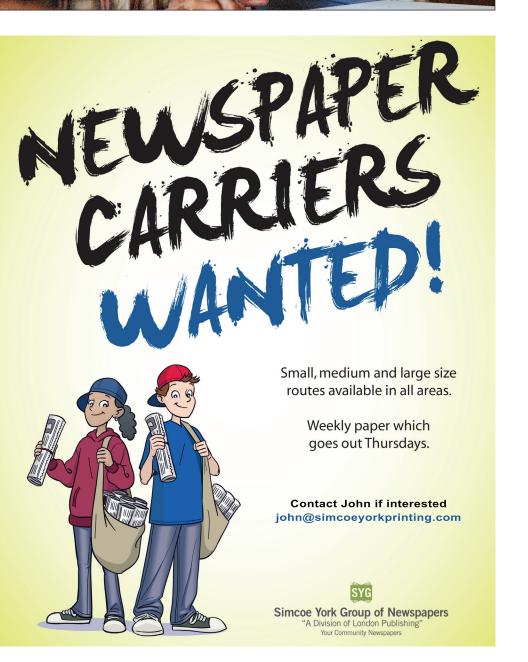
Young professionals band together

Left, on May 9, local young professionals gathered at Pinestone Resort for the Haliburton Young Professionals Network kick-off event. The event provided an opportunity for Haliburton County residents in their 20s and 30s to meet and interact. There were places where attendees could note some of the benefits/challenges of living in Haliburton County, as well as a place for the youth to indicate what they would like the Young Professionals Network to provide. The goal of the network is to create a Haliburton County environment that will be appealing to youth so that young individuals will stay in the area or be drawn into the region from other

Below, young professionals Sean Chapman and Jennifer Hicks look over their icebreaker bingo sheets at the Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network Kick-off event on Friday, May

Zach Cox Staff







CPR anytime

Haliburton County Paramedic Service is hosting a public CPR Anytime course at the Haliburton Legion.

The next course is Thursday, May 29 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129 in Haliburton. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the course is at 7 p.m.

The Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada encourages

all Canadians to be familiar with CPR. Starting CPR on a patient immediately can increase his or her chances for survival of a heart attack by almost 40 per cent.

Participants will work in pairs with the CPR Anytime Course Kit. The kit is a portable CPR course in a box and teaches the skills to perform CPR on both children and adults. Participants will be able to take the kit home for further practice and to share the training with family and friends.

This program is ideal for anyone who would like to learn CPR and does not need a course completion card.

This is a free workshop, but we ask that participants register ahead of time to ensure we have enough kits.

To register or for more information: call Amy Brohm at 705-457-1616 or email abrohm@county.haliburton.on.ca.

Donations to the Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) program are appreciated.

Did you know:

Almost 80 per cent of cardiac arrests occur at home or in public places, and almost half are witnessed by a family member or friend.

The survival rate of victims of sudden cardiac arrest is a dismal five per cent because the majority of those witnessing the arrest do not perform CPR.

Knowing how to respond to a cardiac arrest can increase the odds of survival and recovery by 30 per cent or more.

Suhmitted





Networking Coordinator

We are looking for a dynamic & organized person with a passion for the Performing Arts.

This is a one year contract to do the groundwork to create a network for presenters, creators, producers and community animators involved in the performing arts in rural communities in Ontario.

The Coordinator will review and analyze the results of the recent SPARC Symposium, network with individuals and organizations throughout the province, work with a committee to organize a provincial summit, and put the groundwork in place to create a network.

The SPARC office is located in the Haliburton Highlands. The successful candidate will need great communication skills, expertise with social media and database development, experience with event planning and interest in the performing arts. Use of a vehicle will be required.

Rate of pay \$25/hr - 32 hours/week - flexible hours.

To view a complete postion description go to www.sparcperformingarts.com.

Send your letter of interest and resume to admin@sparcperformingarts.com by 5:00 Friday May 30th 2014.

SPARC is a part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative. This position is funded with support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation



Prep Chef/Line Cook

Sir Sam's Inn is a 25-room country inn and resort catering to an upscale couples market in the Haliburton Highlands. Located lakeside and ski side Sir Sam's Inn has an active clientele who enjoy the wide variety of recreational facilities offered year round.

This full-time seasonal position for a prep-chef/line cook will appeal to a creative, hands-on individual looking for a smaller working kitchen environment. This position will appeal to someone who would enjoy a supportive and passionate atmosphere with room for both growth and learning within the restaurant industry. Staff housing can be provided but transportation is an asset.

For more information about Sir Sam's Inn, including location, sample menus and pictures of the Inn please visit our website at www.sirsamsinn.com

Please forward resumes to:

Attention - Ross Gerry Fax - 705-754-4262 Email - info@sirsamsinn.com (please use job title as the subject line) **Community support**

Don Popple and Dale Walker of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services were happy to accept help from Dublin Gate Irish Pub's Jeanne Zahn, John Neving, Kirsi Parnoja, managers, Stephanie Roberts and Vijay Marathe, Kanchan Marathe and Stephanie Davies with owners Kalpesh Patel and Ketan Dekiwadya in raising money for Bucks for Beds. The pub will encourage patrons to donate from the May long weekend until Labour Day. It will help pay for nine beds at the Haliburton Hospital. This is part of the \$200,000 priority commitment for Haliburton and Minden. Staff photo

Careers and Business Opportunities



Child/Family Mental Health Therapist at Point in Time:

Our Children's Mental Health team has a One Year Full Time Contract Therapist Position Available. To start in June and going until June of 2015. The person we seek will: be knowledgeable about rural issues, enjoy working as part of team of clinicians; bring a variety of therapeutic approaches (especially brief therapy, family therapy and evidence-based interventions) to counseling in homes, schools and the agency office. The role includes some case management. S/he will have a relevant Master's degree or a Bachelor's degree in Social Work with a minimum of 5 years experience) and counseling expertise with children, youth and families. The candidate should have strong collaborative skills in working with local community partners (such as our Working Together for Kid's Mental Health Project) and the ability to utilize current assessment tools in helping plan effective strategies and solutions for our clients. Some evening work may be required and a car is a necessity. A complete job description is available from the Finance Supervisor on request.

Please forward curriculum vitae by 4 pm on Friday, May 30th, 2014 to Human Resources, Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, Box 1306, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0. fax 705-457-3492,

e-mail HYPERLINK "mailto:hr@pointintime.ca"hr@pointintime.ca Please visit our website at http://www.pointintime.ca/



DIRECTOR OF CARE

Personal Fall for Poition

Baliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has an exciting opportunity for an individual to join the term in praviding deship and overall day to day consequence of the 30-bed Highland Word and 62-bed Hyland Crest long-term care larges. In the position Director of Care, the successful conditate will be accountable for the effective and efficient operation of all expects of the homes including Resident case and services, final and horselesquing services, and recomseries, is compliant with regulator and eigenisational

In order to achieve excellence in this role, the candidate must present a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, counset registration eith for College of Nicess of Catario and hose a minimum of face (3) years consequial experience along with one (1) year suling as a registered ware, but in the large term care sector. In addition, a solid working knowledge of the Long-term Care Industry and applicable contractual and legislative requirements is cognised.

If interested in this apportunity, places submit a resure in confidence by May 26, 2014 to

> Rener Receive **Euliburton Highlands Health Services** Hor: 115, Habibarton, CIN ROM 150 lkeinich bie en ra Rec: 705-457-2898



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The Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a

Fire Chief

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Fire Chief. Reporting to the C.A.O., and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Fire Chief is responsible for the overall operation of the fire services including administration, policy development, budget development and management, operational procedures, fire suppression/investigation, fire prevention and public education, emergency medical responses, community emergency planning, public relations and ensuring compliance with the Ontario Fire Code, Municipal By-Laws and Provincial and Federal legislation. The Fire Chief also supervises a full-time Training Officer and volunteer resources within three (3)

This position also serves as the Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- A minimum of ten (10) years progressive related experience with a volunteer department including five (5) years municipal management experience sufficient to demonstrate competency and extensive knowledge of all aspects of the position.
- A related post-secondary education or community college diploma in Fire Services.
- Community Emergency Management Coordinator designation from Emergency Management Ontario is proformed.
- Ontario Fire College Company Officer certification.
 Ontario Fire College Fire Prevention Officer certification.
- Successful applicant will be willing to enroll, be enrolled or is a graduate of continuing education at the Ontario Fire College pertaining to technical training and enforcement
- responsibilities.

 Must possess current CPR and First Aid Certification.
- Must possess a valid class "DZ" Ontario Driver's License in good standing.
- Excellent organizational and time management skills.
- A solid understanding of municipal budget planning, forecasting and management principles.
- Excellent computer skills and a basic understanding of, and ability to use, a variety of social media platforms.

Salary Range : \$68,923.40 - \$77,586.60

A detailed job description is available at www.algonquinhighlands.ca or upon request.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit an application including a resume and cover letter by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 26, 2014 to:

Angie Bird, C.A.O.

Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Road Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, K0M 1J1

P: 705.489.2379 Ext. 222 F: 705.489.3491

E: abird@algonquinhighlands.ca



Far left, instructor Ralph Johnston, who will be teaching this summer, looks at the mat being woven by student Christine Davidson of Toronto. File photo

Above, Sara Petroff of Toronto works with her piece during the encaustic painting course offered last year. File photo

Haliburton home to creativity



School of the Arts boasts more than 300 courses and 150 teachers

Zach Cox Staff

Bigger and better is how it is done at the Haliburton School of the Arts. A component of the Sir Sandford Fleming College, the HSTA campus in Glebe Park is well known for its summer arts program. This year, there are 50 new



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Airport Manager

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The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Airport Manager. Reporting to the C.A.O., and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Airport Manager will perform a wide variety of functions including the day to aspects of airfield operations in accordance with Transport Canada and Canadian Aviation regulations. The Airport Manager is also responsible for the overall promotion and marketing of the Airport.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Minimum of two (2) years in an Aviation Management position or demonstrated experience.
- Demonstrated management experience and an understanding of local government and airfield operations.
- Possess or willingness to obtain fuel-handling certificate.
- A related post secondary education or community college diploma in Aviation Management or related discipline, or a related mix of education and experience.
- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication and presentation skills.
- Proficiency in the Office Suite of products or equivalent.
- Current working knowledge of websites and various forms of social media.
- Basic understanding of advertising, marketing and public relations.

Salary Range: \$32.47 – 36.55/hr. for a 35 hour work week

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your resume in confidence by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2014 to:

Angie Bird, C.A.O.

Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, K0M 1J1 P: 705-489-2379 Ext. 222 E: abird@algonquinhighlands.ca

Visit our website for a full Job Description at www.algonguinhighlands.ca

weeklong courses, 22 new Saturday workshops and 15 new instructors.

Boasting more than 300 courses and 150 teachers, the program offers classes on all sorts of techniques and styles, from watercolour painting to felting.

"I think of it as the Disney effect – it's important to blend the familiar favourites with fresh, new options so that people maintain interest," says HTSA program co-ordinator Schelley Schell. With the extensive number of courses offering such a wide selection of art classes, all kinds of interests are catered to

Some of the new course and workshop offerings for this year are negative painting, memory quilts, thread sketching and painting and yoga paired with painting, writing, singing drawing and meditation

ing, drawing and meditation.

"Learn to develop unique images by using the space in and around an object. Create exciting under-paintings and enhance your image with layers, lost and found edges, and textures. Increase the range of values in your painting, moving from light to dark and back again, creating the illusion of depth," says the course description for the week-long negative painting class.

There's a selection of courses for kids too, with classes such as kids' creative kitchen and kids' metal jewellery arts.

There is just as much variety in regards to instructors as well. Jeff Helmes, a graduate of the HSTA Artist Blacksmith certificate program and a new instructor for this year, will be teaching the bladesmithing class. Other new instructors are professional singer and songwriter Katherine Wheatley, award winning quilt designer and author of two best-selling books and Andy Bullock who has been creating and restoring indigenous beadwork for decades.

Whether you have an interest in painting, photography, glassblowing or anything in between, the HSTA probably has something for you. Regardless of the course you pick, you will be learning from a master of the craft. More information on the Haliburton School of the Arts and the offered courses, including a full course calendar and course costs, can be found online at flemingcollege.ca.



Rails End Gallery SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Community Arts Animator for public programming and children's activities

Gallery Assistant for Boutique and Exhibition support

Candidates must be fulltime students 2013/13 and returning to school Fall 2014.

Learn how to apply at www.railsendgallery.com or call Laurie Jones at 705-457-2330

DEADLINE May 21

Wildlife in your backyard

Have a great nature shot? Send it to jenn@haliburtonpress. com. The bigger the file size the bigger we can print it.



The Haliburton Forest submitted this photo of four wolf pups that were born in early May.



Laura Smith sent in this photo of her local fox near Redstone Lake.

Celebrating nurses: your health is our business

Fiona Kelly

Special to the Echo

Nursing has come a long way from the days of Florence Nightingale. However, the traits associated with the profession remain very much the same: care, compassion and commitment.

Nightingale is renowned for her work caring for casualties of the Crimean War in 1854. She was integral in first introducing nurses into British military hospitals in Turkey during the war, and then helping to advance the profession of nursing in the following years. It is little wonder then that May 12, which is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, also marks the start of National Nursing Week.

Today, nurses in all fields carry on Florence Nightingale's groundbreaking work in caring for and supporting the health and well-being of people in need. Certainly, it is a responsibility that the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and our approximately 45 Registered Nurses take to heart every day in the work we do in our communities.

As Health Unit nurses, we tend not to be as visible as our nursing colleagues in hospitals and long-term care facilities. However, the work we do in schools, homes, clinics and other places in the community is just as important.

Our nurses are dedicated to promoting healthy habits for all ages and stages of life, so that people can enjoy wellbeing free from injury and illness.

We immunize children and adults in a variety of settings so they are protected from many vaccine-preventable diseases. Nurses at the Health Unit ensure school-aged children are up-to-date on their immunization by checking their vaccination records. We also investigate cases of infectious diseases and work to control outbreaks so that the community is kept safe.

Much of our work also extends to helping families. Our nurses provide prenatal classes and resources to parents who are expecting. We help new mothers adjust to life with a newborn and give advice to families to support the healthy development of children. We also run sexual health clinics to provide confidential counseling, treatment and testing for sexually-transmitted infections.

Less evident, but just as key, is the work done by Health Unit nurses to address and raise awareness about the 'social determinants of health.' These are social factors such as income, education, employment, housing, child care and access to health care that affect a person's health and quality of life. Our role is not only to cure what ails our patients and clients, but get to the root cause of the problems that can negatively affect their well-being.

Overcoming these 'social determinants of health' is an ongoing challenge we face as nurses, and society as a whole. As a leading force for change, nurses are committed to addressing these root causes so that more children and families will be able to thrive.

As the work of Health Unit nurses continues to evolve, the dedication and duty that Florence Nightingale instilled in the nursing profession more than a century ago is a timeless reminder of the difference nurses make to our communities every day!

Nursing Week

Celebrating Nurses

A special thanks to all of the nurses who help make a difference in the health of our community.





Nursing - A Leading Force for CHANGE. At the forefront of healthcare transformation.

Join us in recognizing the dedication and commitment of our nurses and the positive impact they have on the lives of those they care for. Thanks for all you do.



The Management Team and **Board of Directors**

National Nurses Week – May 12th to 18th

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Lending a hand to the libraryMembers of the Wilberforce Legion Branch 624 present

the Wilberforce Library Launchers with a \$1,200 donation on May 8 outside of the new county library branch in Wilberforce, set to open in June. Of the donation, \$200 came from the Legion's ladies auxiliary. The money will go towards purchasing furnishings for the library. To date the Library Launchers have raised more than \$38,000, through various fundraisers. Their total fundraising goal is \$40,000. The Library Launchers will be at the opening of the Wilberforce Eclectic Market at the Wilberforce Curling Club this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. From left, Legion first vice-president Linda White, second

vice-president Ed Otto, president Mary Dunner, Library Launcher Julie Thornton, Library Launcher Gill Stephen, president of the Library Launchers Dan Linkert and Highlands East Councillor Joan Barton.

Angelica Blenich Staff

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Eclectic market kicks off this weekend

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

Colourful flowers in pots and hanging containers brighten our lives as garden centres are opening for Mothers' Day and the very early

Victoria Day holiday weekend.

These add well to daffodils and other spring flowers barely in bloom here.

And with the frogs singing lustily in nearby ponds it must be spring. Though one never knows for sure with our weird weather. Just witness that the very slowly disappearing vide an outdoor opportunity to meet snow pile over on Clark Hill Road, still there on neighbours and others for friendly visitthe sheltered north side of my favourite knoll. At least the lakes are ice free, barely in time for this traditional cottage opening weekend. With May 24 on a Saturday this year this must be the earliest we can experience Victoria Day.

Posters are spreading news of spring sports events for children and youth. We hear the students at the Wilberforce School are preparing for the June Track and Field Meet.

Yard Sales are coming. A good time as closets, garages and basements are being put in order and rid of items that someone else may need and enjoy. Besides, yard sales pro-

Check the curling club here on the upcoming weekends. The Eclectic Market will be located there this year and operated by the Club 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on most weekends.

Do plan to enjoy a roast beef dinner at the Lloyd Watson Centre this Saturday May 17 beginning at 5pm. It is being presented by Curling Club members.

Planning for the July 19th Penny Raffle at the local arena is well under way. Donations of prizes are welcome for this fun family event They can be dropped off with Cathy at Agnew's store or with Roberta at the Bostonian Motel. In addition to the raffle itself there are always additional activities. For sure the Mad Hatters will be back for extra fun creating wild and wonderful hats.

How fitting that the funeral service on Sunday May 11 for the late Jessie Ella Clarry nee Maughan should be held at the historic Essonville church and interment at the cemetery there. Jessie, eldest daughter of the late William Maughan and Mary Payne spent her childhood and youth on their farm just around the corner from the church.

Like many in the area Jessie moved away but often returned with sisters and other family members especially for the annual Memorial and Decoration Day Service at the church every summer. Jessie died on March 14 in her 82nd year in Markham.She was predeceased by her husband David and brother Bruce.

Sympathy is extended to her sisters Lila, Mary, and Margaret, her sons Robert, David, Ronald and Kevin and daughters Heather, Elizabeth Ann and Janette and all of her family and friends.

Spring Cleaning SIDEWALK SALE!

BLOWOUT PRICING 50-75% OFF!

Fragrance, cosmetics and more!!!

Friday May 16 - Sunday May 18: 8am - 10pm



Help needed for Canada Day

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

First of all, a correction of a name I misspelled last week. It was Jamie Holden who played violin so nicely at the music festival a week ago. Sincere apolo-

On Saturday, May 17, at 1 p.m. Abbey Gardens opens its doors for the new season and welcomes all comers to the store with music, food and a tour of the gar-

On Friday, May 9, several local residents were honoured in Lindsay at the armouries for volunteer work. The 2014 Volunteer Service Awards encompassed communities surrounding Lindsay, Peterborough and Haliburton. A certificate and pin were presented to the ioilowing: Jeanne Anthon, Scotty Morrison, Barbara Bohlin and Laurence van Lieshout for Community Care and for Haliburton County Community Radio Association, Louise Ewing, Sarah Montgomery, Marty Schuster, myself and in absentia, Sue Shikaze.

The event was very well organized and the guest speaker, T. Moore, who took only three and a half minutes, and the entire number of over 80 presentations was concluded in just over one hour.

The There's Something in the Water?

event at the West Guilford Community Centre on Saturday was attended by about 80 people. Tammy Rea and Charlie Teljeur chaired the evening and the delicious dinner and film were enjoyed by all

Thanks to all who participated.

Preparations are underway for Canada Day. Tanya Sisson and Sara Burtch have resigned from heading this committee, so at least two people are needed to take their place in this leadership.

The information is all there and they'll be glad to let you know what is involved. As the say, "it's not rocket science," and you can do it. It just takes time and it means only Canada Day preparations, not being on the board of the centre com-

This year young parents are needed for children's events and anyone for snack bar, for one nour of volunteering. Races will commence right after opening ceremonies and the swim following these

Cottager or permanent resident, if you have enjoyed our Canada Day, get in touch with Tanya Sisson or Sra Burtch at 705-457-6959 or leave a message at the centre at 705-754-1605 to say you can spare an hour to help on July 1.

On that day vendors may have a table, free, to sell wares at this flea market. A good deal all around.

Haliburton Echo Classifieds

100 ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bill and Ginger Kulas of Minden are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter,

Cassie Kulas to Ben Thomas

of Carnarvon, son of Roger and Nancy Thomas, and Jean and Tim Hancock.

Wedding to take place at Sandy Lane Resort in October 2014.

The family of the late William Peacock would like to thank family, & friends, for cards, donations, food,& flowers. Thanks to the staff at Hyland Wood for the excellent care and kindness that was shown to William while he was a resident. Special thanks to Betty Hicks and the girls

~Madeline Peacock & family





Margaret Robinson we intvite you to 1 Victoria Street, **Parklane Apartments** on May 31, 2014

from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Best Wishes Only

150 COMING EVENTS AND YARD SALES

Perennial Plants & Pure, Unpasteurized #1 Honey for Sale.

2801 Blairhampton Rd on the corner of Cnty Rd 21. Call Tom 705-286-3628

Haliburton District Lions Club Charity Yard Sale,

Maple Ave in Haliburton by Town Hall on the corner of Maple & Mountain. Saturday May 17th from 8am to 3pm Rain or Shine

Two Family Yard Sale,

Sat & Sun 8am-1pm Rain or Shine, Marine & Household items, 1436 Koshlong Lake Rd (off Gelert Rd)

Yard and pie sale Ingoldsby United Church

Saturday, May 17th, 2014, 9 am to 1 pm Lots of great items looking for a new home. Homemade pies and tarts.

Yard Sale Saturday May 17, 2014 9:00am - 4:00pm2323 Tom Bolton Rd Halburton End, off the Old Donald Rd

Yard Sale Saturday May 17 1835 Kashagawigamog Rd Better then a garage sale!!! Moving house after 66 years 1 Day Sale

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Call Valerie (705) 489-2463

TOTOKA SPA in Dorset -Looking for RMT Call Laura at 705-788-4664

Camp White Pine is looking for part-time or full-time cleaning help. Two to four months of available work. \$12-\$14/hour. Contact Adam at 416-322-6250 or adam@campwhitepine.com

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Graham Taylor

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Graham Taylor passed away suddenly on the morning of Sunday, May 4th at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife Marguerite and two daughters GIllian and Gemma. Although Graham lived happily in Canada for the last 50 years, he was always proud to have been born and raised in Bradford, Yorkshire in the United Kingdom. For the most part of his adult career, he played an integral role in various advertising agencies in Toronto. Always creative and innovative, he changed his focus to building and renovating homes. His most prized masterpiece was the home he built for himself and Marguerite in Haliburton. Graham was a kind man that always brought humour to all situations. He was an English

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